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## BIG ITALIAN FORCE ENCIRCLED AT SOLLUM

### DANUBE TO BE CLOSED

Main route for the supply of Rumanian petrol and other commodities to Germany will be closed, owing to the presence of ice in the Danube.

The Yugoslav River Navigation Control Organisation yesterday ordered the suspension of all navigation on the river as from to-day, says a Belgrade message to London newspapers.

All Yugoslav Danube steamers are being withdrawn and will tie up for the winter, and it is expected that other Danubian countries will follow suit in the next few days. — Reuter.

### ANATOLIA FLOODS

Widespread floods have caused serious damage in Anatolia.

Torrential rains have swollen the Simay and Henfe Rivers, which have again inundated districts which were flooded last year.

Low lying regions in the province of Smyrna are also under water. So far no casualties are reported.

## FALL OF TEPELINI NOW REGARDED AS IMMINENT

Another Italian general has been taken by the Greeks in the fighting in Albania.

An Athens report yesterday said that a general, a colonel and other officers had been taken prisoner or fell in battle during the capture of a height in the southern sector. Another height of strategic importance was also taken.

The Greeks are maintaining pressure at all other points and are attacking with violence. Many prisoners are being taken together with considerable quantities of war materials.

One report from the front says that reinforcements from Italy are being sent straight into battle without preliminary organisation—a possible indication of Italian weakening.

The Italians are finding it increasingly difficult to make full

## British Mobile Units Sweeping Over Libyan Frontier

MARSHAL GRAZIANI'S TROOPS ARE STRONGLY EN-TRENCHED AT SOLLUM, WHICH IS JUST INSIDE EGYPT, AND BRITISH FORCES HAVE ENCIRCLED THEM, AND ARE SWEEP-ING ON ACROSS THE LIBYAN FRONTIER, IT WAS STATED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT.

Meanwhile the R.A.F. continues to hammer the enemy's bases, including Bardia, which may be the next objective of the Army of the Nile.

Reuter's special correspondent with the Army recounts a vivid story told him of a trip of five days across the Western Desert by a band of picked Australian cameramen trying to catch up with the Imperial troops.

The story was told by Captain Frank Hurley, official cameraman with the Australian forces in the Near East, who has made a complete film record of the offensive. Capt. Hurley, who acted as official photographer in France in the last war and made five trips

to the South Pole with Shackleton and Mawson, described how, after driving 40 miles, they found a camp full of some 2,000 miserable Libyan prisoners guarded by a score of Tommies.

### Moved On

A sergeant-major was watering the prisoners in batches of 20 from a disused Roman well cut in solid rock.

Capt. Hurley described Nibelwa camp as an unforgettable sight, silent as the grave. Everybody had moved on except two British Tommies, left in charge of British tanks damaged in action.

Italian dead lay all around, their bodies caked in dust.

Capt. Hurley counted 38 Italian tanks—some smashed, others abandoned undamaged.

Stray mules and dogs were prowling round a dump of ammunition and stores.

### Italian Prisoners

Near Nibelwa the party came across another camp holding at least 7,000 or 8,000 Italian prisoners, sitting in groups, laughing and smoking.

Capt. Hurley described the Italians as well fed, clothed and shod, in contrast to the Libyans. — Reuter.

### Scenes Of Confusion

Similar scenes of confusion met the eyes of the party at the Italian camp at Tumma, just south of Sidi Barrani.

Field guns were lying all over the place, and Italian officers had left so hurriedly that even their valises were left behind.

Capt. Hurley said: "We pelted on in an endeavour to catch up with the battle but the Imperial forces were moving at a rate of 50 miles a day."

Then we heard the roar of naval guns bombarding Sidi Barrani. — Reuter.

## THAILAND BORDER FRICTION

The integrity of Indo-China is to be maintained absolutely intact, says a statement issued in Vichy yesterday by the French Ministry of Colonies in connection with the Thailand frontier incidents.

Complaining about the frequent border raids in which "intolerable attacks on Indo-Chinese persons and property" were made, and French and natives even killed, and recalling that Thai planes bombed several Indo-Chinese localities, the official statement says that as reprisal Indo-Chinese aircraft "dropped bombs on an equivalent number of Siamese localities."

The statement concludes: "The Government of Thailand will doubtless not delay in reducing to order these unfortunate excursions of pirates or leaders of military units at a distance from Bangkok." — Reuter.

will prove this is an erroneous calculation."

Replying to a question by an American journalist, who spoke of the advantages to Britain of a separate peace with Italy, "Giornale d'Italia" declared: "Italy is unshakably at its fighting post and won't withdraw." — Reuter.

## EXCUSES PROVIDED IN ADVANCE

"The greatest colonial battle in history" is how "Giornale d'Italia" yesterday described the military operations in North Africa.

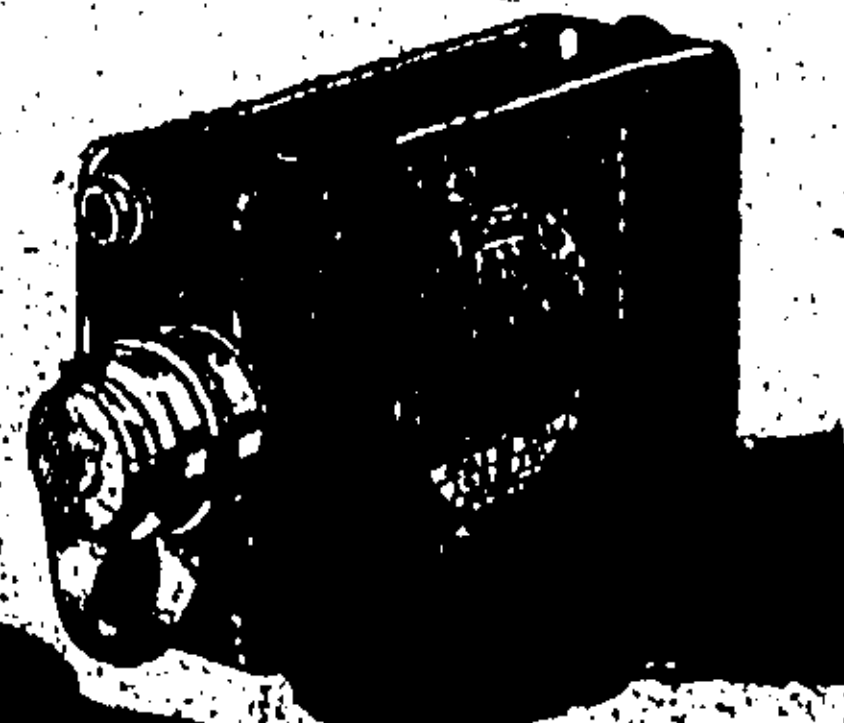
Significantly emphasising British strength in North Africa, the newspaper declared: "The British Command has launched in battle 300,000 men from the four corners of the Empire and 800 armoured cars and tanks."

It adds: "With such powerful means the most powerful Empire in the world believes it can render hors-de-combat one of the peoples of the Axis."

"Events in the next few days

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# King's Tour Of Devastated Districts In Bristol

## THE KING OBLIGED

When fifty-six-year-old Henry Zeegen woke after a dose in the London Hospital he saw the King and Queen just passing the end of his bed. Let him tell his own story:

"Here," I said to one of the royal party. "I haven't seen the King," and with that he goes off to their Majesties and tells them that I've wakened up.

"Straight away they turned back and had a chat with me, and it's done me a power of good."

Zeegen, a member of a demolition squad, injured his back when a wall fell on top of him, and now he is lying on a bed, the foot of which is strung up higher than the head.

In the same ward the King and Queen chatted with Gunner Albert Charles. He came home on leave from the Army to find that his mother and sister had been killed by a bomb.

### Saved His Fiancee

"With my fiancee, Miss Ray Rosenthal, I was just setting out to visit another sister, who has had her leg amputated after a bomb injury, when I heard the whistle of a bomb," he told a reporter.

"I flung her to the ground and threw myself on top of her, and thank God, I was able to shield her when the bomb exploded. She's in another ward in this hospital, but not badly hurt, while I've got shoulder, chest and leg injuries."

## NINE SERVICE MEN DROWN AFTER DANCE

NINE MEN of the Services, who had attended a dance at St. Mawes (Cornwall) are believed to have lost their lives through the capsizing of a boat. Ten soldiers and two sailors were in the little craft—a 12ft. dinghy with an outboard motor—and three were rescued. Three bodies have been recovered.

The party left the dance to return to St. Anthony after midnight, and when in the centre of the river off Polvarth Point the boat capsized and sank.

Mr. Cyril Green, of St. Mawes, heard the shouts of the men in the water, and put out in his boat. He located two soldiers with the aid of a torch and brought two ashore, but one of them died soon afterwards.

The three bodies recovered were those of Gunner Charles Hughes, twenty-nine, Gunner John Beard, thirty-six, Stoke-on-Trent, and Gunner Habbajam, thirty-five. All were married.

The missing men are Sergeant

## TALK WITH WOMAN WHO WAS BURIED FOR HOURS

STANDING ON A HEAP of blackened ruins in Bristol yesterday the King talked to a woman whose home lay in ruins and who was carrying her baby daughter in her arms.

The woman told the King how she, with three other daughters and the baby, were buried for hours beneath tons of bricks, tiles and broken glass when Bristol had its big bombing attack recently.

The King travelled several miles through the city to see the devastation caused by the recent raids, and at several points where he left his car he was completely surrounded by cheering men and women, many of whom shouted "We are not downhearted. God bless your Majesty."

The tour included a visit to Bristol University, where the King inspected damage to the Great Hall and was cheered by a crowd of men and women students.

The King also had a meeting with Queen Mary, who is now living in the West Country, and who gave the King her good wishes on his birthday. —Reuter.

## MAN, GIRL CHARGED IN BABIES CASE

A man and a woman were charged after the finding of a six-month-old girl in a suitcase under a railway carriage seat, and of a boy aged two and a half years on a Birmingham railway station.

The accused were Bridget Donnelly, twenty-four, Luntheath Road, Widnes, Lancs, and John Dunbar, thirty-six, of Moseley Road, Birmingham. They were remanded in custody for eight days at Birmingham.

Mr. M. P. Pugh, prosecuting, said that a woman porter discovered the baby girl.

About the same time the boy approached a porter on the platform.

After waiting for someone to claim the lad, the porter discovered he had been abandoned.

Dunbar later told the police: "I am not the father, but I know all about it." He later made a statement admitting his part in the affair, said Mr. Pugh.

Donnelly told the police: "I want my children back."

Later she made a statement in which she allegedly admitted her part in abandoning the children.

## STRETCHER BEARER LEFT - GAOLED

William Lott Walker, of Lextonham, Kensington, was sentenced at West London to seven days' imprisonment for failing to continue in his employment as a stretcher-bearer.

Mr. Parry Evans, prosecuting, said that so many people who had been trained left A.R.P. work when the labour market improved that an order was made providing that men could not leave except for some very good reason, such as acceptance of work of greater national importance.

## SHOT, KNITTING FOR SOLDIER

While she was knitting a helmet for her soldier brother, sixteen-year-old Rose May Young, of Chesterton Street, Garston, Liverpool, was shot dead in a field.

The shot was fired while soldiers in a camp nearby were being shown how to load.

Rose, one of a family of nine, had spent all her spare time—and most of her pocket-money—knitting for the troops.

"She was full of sunshine and helpfulness," a neighbour said. "She was always thinking whom she could help next."

## HUE AND CRY COMEDY

Because two convalescent soldiers spoke broad Lancashire, they aroused suspicion. They were mistaken for Germans, and a hue and cry followed.

It happened at Barnet, Herts. The soldiers addressed a park keeper in "broken English." They had "close cropped bullet heads" and were in hospital blue.

The park keeper became suspicious, and a pursuit was headed by a 52-year-old Home Guard, armed with a shot-gun, and an under-gardener with a garden fork.

"I could tell they were Germans by the look of them," said the Home Guard.

Finally the "Nazis" were driven into the arms of the police.

And what a disappointment when it was found that they were two convalescent soldiers who spoke broad Lancashire. They had walked out of their military hospital with the idea of "seeing the countryside," as they put it, and hitch-hiked from Surrey to Hertfordshire.

## MURDER OF JUDGE D'HOOOGHE

The murder last evening of Judge Edouard d'Hooghe, 70-year-old legal adviser of the French Municipal Council and one of Shanghai's leading French citizens, was one of the most vicious and sensational in the city's history.

Judge d'Hooghe was shot dead by a Chinese near his home in the French Concession.

It is not known whether the murder was political.

As Legal Adviser, the Judge had a leading part in the negotiations which resulted in the recent transfer of the jurisdiction of the Nanking regime.

The gunman escaped after the crime, which has shocked Shanghai.

Judge d'Hooghe was Judge of the French Consular Court till 1932.—Reuter.

## Nazi Gigolos Asked Her For Aid

MRS. HORACE FARQUHARSON, London society hostess, told a reporter that "apparently charming young German men" used to call on her, asking her to get them invitations to balls and banquets.

"But I realised what they were aiming at," she said. "They had too much of the Hitler stamp about them. I knew most of them talked propaganda for Hitler, and if I could possibly do anything to stop them from entering society circles I did so."

Mrs. Farquharson was discussing the revelations made in the United States by Colonel William J. Donovan of how handsome German aristocrats flattered British women into joining Hitler's fifth column.

### Illusions Shattered

Colonel Donovan was one of two special envoys sent to Britain by the U.S. Government recently, to make an official report on British morale.

General opinion in London was that these young Nazis succeeded in their mission during the appeasement days before Munich.

Mrs. Farquharson was one of the hostesses who gave them "short shrift."

### Aristocrats' Letters

"During the period before Munich mentioned by Colonel Donovan in his report I had many letters from German aristocrats," she said.

"I had many personal calls, too, from apparently charming young

German men. But I was suspicious from the start.

"Of course, they did get invited to some places, and they managed to get introductions to well-known families.

"They were never blatant with their propaganda.

"By flattering the gullible type of society women they managed to persuade them what wonderful work Hitler was doing.

"The sophisticated English girl, of course, did not fall for their methods.

"Some of the Nazis who approached me came from well-to-do families in Germany.

"Most had high-sounding titles. But that did not impress me. They were met with a polite refusal."

## EX-CHIEF JUSTICE OF CEYLON DEAD

Sir Philip MacDonnell, formerly Judge of the High Court of Northern Rhodesia and afterwards Chief Justice of Trinidad and later Chief Justice of Ceylon, died at Southport, England, of bronchitis yesterday.—Reuter.

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# TWO LONG RAIDS ON BERLIN

Kiel, Frankfurt-On-Main And Bremen Also Attacked

## Targets In Capital Systematically Bombed In Force

"AN ATTACK ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT TARGETS IN THE BERLIN AREA, INCLUDING RAILWAYS, FACTORIES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES," WAS MENTIONED IN AN R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE YESTERDAY DESCRIBING SUNDAY NIGHT'S ACTIVITIES.

Smaller forces of the R.A.F. bombed the inland port of Frankfurt-on-Main and neighbouring targets, while the Kiel shipyards and Bremen were also attacked.

The communique adds that during the course of the operations R.A.F. bombers observed two enemy merchant vessels off the French coast and attacked, scoring direct hits on both. No British aircraft are missing.

Amplifying the communique, the Air Ministry news service says that railway communications, munition factories and power plants were attacked by British heavy bombers which were over Berlin on Sunday night and the early hours of Monday morning.

The first of our bombers reached Berlin just before 9 p.m. Despite cloud, some of the pilots in the early raids found what they were seeking immediately while others had to make their way to alternative targets.

Nevertheless our pilots recognised and attacked several factories and railway targets.

### Second Series

Next series of raids began at 3 a.m. and lasted well over an hour. The weather was then much better and visibility excellent.

Power stations, railway junctions and goods yards were now the chief objectives.

A stick of heavy high explosive bombs fell right in the centre of a railway junction and immediately started fires which were still increasing as our aircraft left.

At another junction, where some of the heaviest bombs were dropped, there were bursts all along the sidings.

### Cloud Of Smoke

A great cloud of black smoke rose high in the air while debris was flung even higher by the explosions.

Two large fires were started at one power station.

Smaller forces of bombers attacked the west harbour at Frankfurt, where there is a great collection of warehouses, factories, grain elevators and oil plants, for well over two hours.

The free port of Bremen was also attacked.—Reuter.

## NO RESPECT FOR ALLY

GERMAN SOLDIERS IN BRUSSELS SALUTE BELGIAN RESERVE OFFICERS RETURNING FROM PRISON CAMPS BUT DO NOT SALUTE ITALIAN AIR FORCE OFFICERS, ACCORDING TO THE FREE BELGIAN NEWS AGENCY IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Although Belgian prisoners of war are now being released their return is taking a long time.

The agency also reports that food shops in Belgium are closed owing to the shortage of supplies and it is believed local authorities will have to undertake the distribution of primary foodstuffs.—Reuter.

## STEFANI GIVES IT A WEEK

"The battle in Libya will last for another week," announced Stefani, the official Italian agency, yesterday.

"Italian troops, with those in reserve, are enough to meet the situation," it went on—apparently in reply to speculation as to whether or not Italy would risk sending reinforcements there.

Stefani also praises the British—who only a short while ago were "decadent" and "on the verge of collapse"—and says:

"We are proud to fight against such imposing forces of the British Empire."—Reuter.

## LLOYD GEORGE VISITS NO. 10

MR. LLOYD GEORGE CALLED ON MR. CHURCHILL AT 10, DOWNING STREET, YESTERDAY.

He remained with the Prime Minister for some time.—Reuter.

## SKILLED ALIENS WILL HELP WAR INDUSTRY

BRITAIN IS TO FORM an International Labour Force to organise the manpower of Allied nations and other friendly foreigners. It will help our industries.

"I am short of skilled men, and in using the skill and ability of foreigners I shall put Britons to work," said Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, amid cheers, in Parliament.

## LOVE IS NEVER TOO OLD

"When you're in love age has no meaning," said twenty-eight-year-old Private Wilfred Clifford Harding after his marriage to a woman who is older than his mother.

The new Mrs. Harding, formerly Mrs. Ada Samson, a widow, of Kinnerton Street, Knightsbridge, London, S.W., is fifty-three.

When the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. C. P. Harding, of Wilton Road, Shirley, Southampton, heard of the wedding, she told a reporter: "It is no business of mine. He can do as he pleases."

In spite of this, the couple had a quiet wedding at Caxton Hall. Only a few friends attended.

"I have known many young girls in my time," Private Harding said after the ceremony, "and could have married one of them long ago, but I found them empty, silly creatures that are not to be trusted."

"Now I have come across my 'Mrs. Right'—she may be older than me, but that does not count."

The newly-wedded couple are to have no honeymoon. Private Harding has to be back on duty.

"I am going back to fight like hell," he said. "I am going to help win the war for her, and when it's over I shall come back and make her the happiest woman in the world."

Mrs. Harding was busy planning how she would keep house on the Army allowance.

In this scheme Mr. Bevin will be helped by Mr. Scott, former Indian Civil Servant, who performed migration and Allied international mercantile work at Geneva.

Mr. Bevin said foreigners wanting employment had been invited to register at local offices of the Ministry of Labour and to take employment subject to being granted a permit.

He had decided to organise the manpower of Allied nations and other well-disposed foreign nationals in this country, to set up an international labour branch as part of the Employment Department of the Ministry.

### Britons First

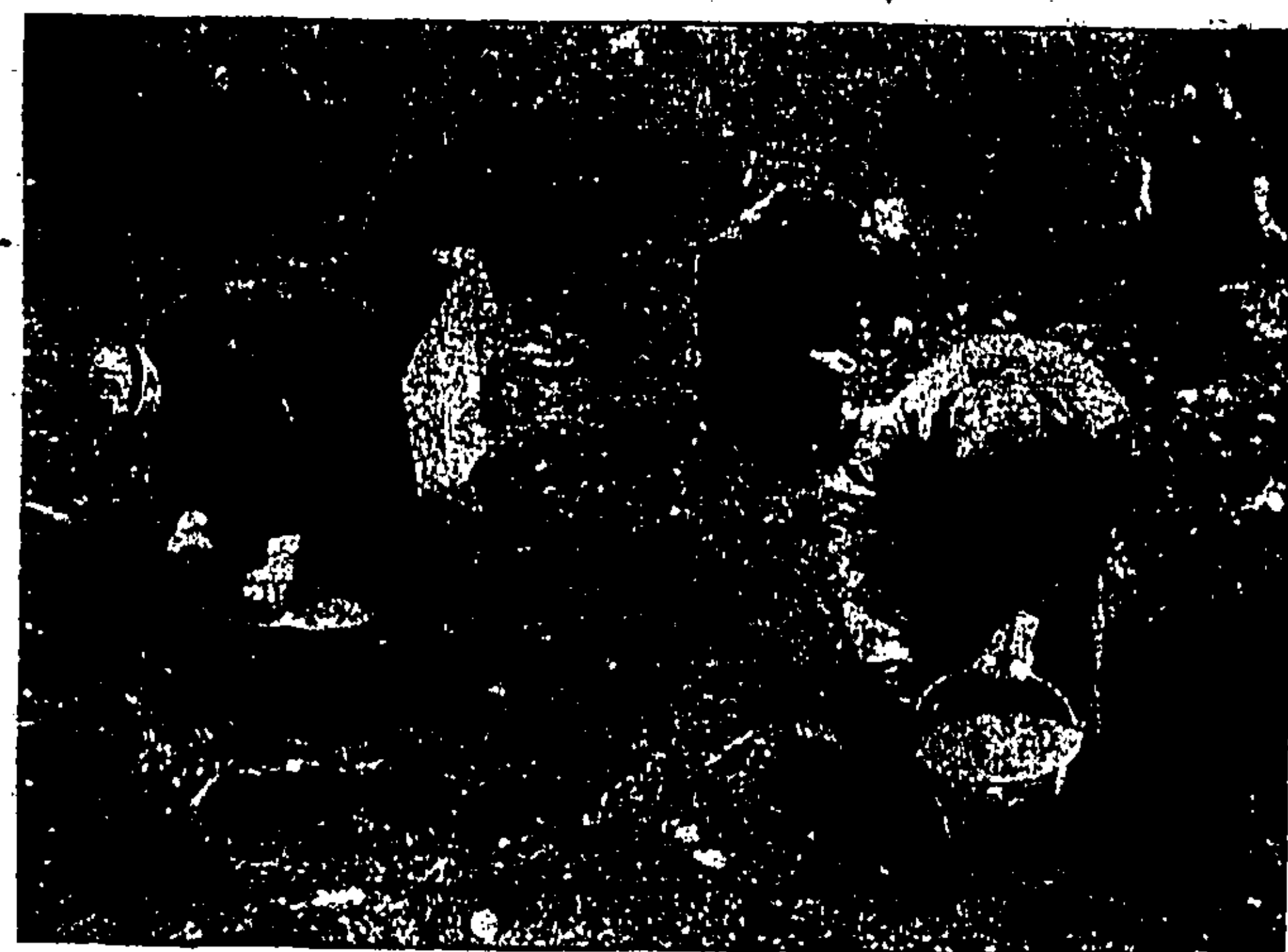
Mr. Bevin said he was expecting to get the cooperation of representatives of different nations.

"I hope that we shall thus get valuable assistance in establishing the bona fides of well-disposed foreigners and in bringing sympathetic consideration to bear on individual cases," said Mr. Bevin.

"It will be part of the function of the new International Labour Branch to obtain full knowledge of the people available for employment and to seek suitable openings for them in industrial or other work."

Asked to see that the British had preference, Mr. Bevin replied: "Certainly. It is the policy of my department to see the British have preference."

Colonel William J. Donovan has arrived in Britain by air from Lisbon and is in London.—Reuter.



Members of the Benedictine Community at Prinknash Monastery near Gloucester, have ploughed up thirty acres of land and are now busy harvesting the potato crop. Photo shows the monks collecting potatoes. (Copyright, Fox).

## BLINDED, HE LANDED PLANE

AN R.A.F. PILOT WHO HAD FLOWN FOUR MACHINES IN A DAY AND BROUGHT DOWN FOUR GERMANS, WAS WOUNDED IN THE EYE BY A BULLET.

He hovered over his aerodrome and asked permission to bale out. This was granted.

But thinking that some one else could use the machine if he were unable to do so, he made a perfect landing.

And then he fell unconscious from the plane.

Air-Marshal Sir Arthur S. Barratt told this story during a talk with aircraft workers in a south-east area.

## METHOD DOUBLED SHELL CASE OUTPUT

How a factory's weekly output of shell fuse-cases was raised from 10,000 to 20,000 in a few weeks is told in a pamphlet on scientific industrial training issued by the National Institute of Industrial Psychology.

Emphasis is laid on the need of keeping training separate from production.

An example is given of one munitions firm which found it difficult to keep experienced soldiers for the making of airtight shell fuse-cases.

The weekly output of the department was only 10,000 good cases. Then the works director decided to install a systematic training scheme and to make certain other changes. These measures caused the number of rejects to decline and the output of good cases gradually rose till it was 20,000 a week.

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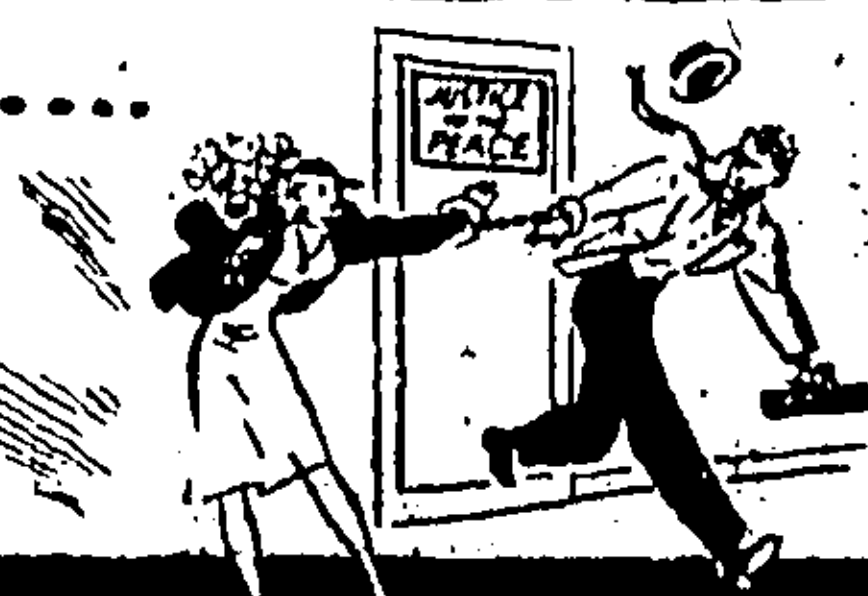
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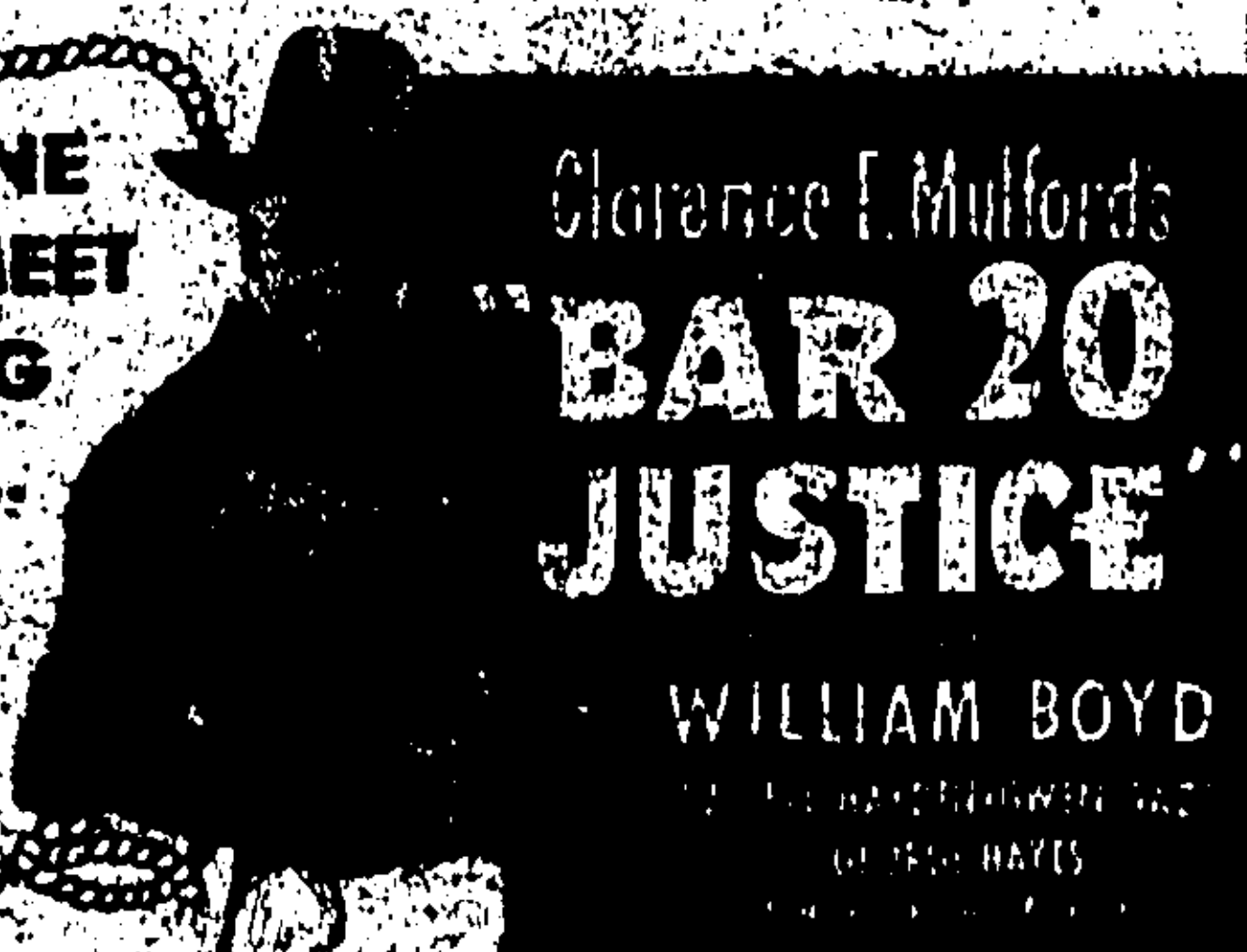
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THURSDAY

JANE WITHERS in "SHOOTING HIGH"

# CHAPLIN BURLESQUE ON THE DICTATORS PAINS NAZIS

Charlie Chaplin's film "The Dictator," which is now amusing audiences in London, has annoyed the Germans.

"Deutschlandsender," the German radio station, yesterday told the German people that "Charlie Chaplin's hate-propaganda film will hardly be able to bolster up Churchill's bad mood with its silly jokes."

Mr. Churchill's annoyance, says the Nazi radio, is "likely to be greater than his ability to be entertained" by his "flat-footed friend's" jokes.

Mr. Churchill's "black mood" was supposed to have come on through shipping losses. The German Radio gave an exaggerated account of shipping losses and made no reference at all to British and Greek victories.

This is in accordance with the new Nazi propaganda decision. Now that the Axis plan in the Balkans and Egypt have been torn to tatters, the German people are again being told that the war will only be won in Britain.

## House Of Cards

The newspaper "Frankfurter Zeitung" even referred yesterday to the possibility of an Italian collapse like a house of cards.

The German paper expresses the hope that Italy will resist, but offers no prospect of German assistance except to say that the Reich will relieve Italy by constant attacks on Britain.

This is in startling contrast with an article the previous day in the "Völkische Beobachter," which maintained that there was no cause for anxiety and poured scorn on the assumption that Germany will leave Italy in the lurch.

This confusion of propaganda is taken in London as a clear indication of the confusion of policy caused by the failure of plans to drive into the Near East with Italian collaboration, together with Germany's inability to help Italy without involving both Axis partners in difficulties and risks they do not want to face.—Reuter.

## WHEN FIRE-BOMBS FELL ON CONVENT

Sister's Narrow Escape

Although Sister Daniels got up at 6 a.m., as usual, in her cell in a Liverpool convent and went to Mass, there were two good reasons why nobody would have been surprised if she hadn't—

—Only a few hours earlier a fire-bomb, crashing through the convent roof, had fallen within a few yards of the bed in which she was sleeping; and—

—Sister Daniels is 100 years old.

She only woke up when firemen ran into the convent to deal with a salvo of bombs. Even then she lay in bed and watched them stamp out the flames.

When a reporter spoke to her in the afternoon, workmen were piling burned-out bomb cases on the kitchen table. She halted in her knitting to watch them, then said: "What was the use of worrying? The firemen knew what to do."

Warehouses, a cinema, a laundry and two churches were hit during the raid on Marsby-lce. But there were no serious casualties.

## SNATCH GAS MASKS

Gas-mask snatchers—thieves who cut respirator straps from business girls' shoulders in raid rush hours—are setting London's police a problem.

To save carrying both a gas mask and handbag, many girls carry their money in mask-cases.

They should beware of the snatcher.

He is to be found blinking round tube train entrances or busy bus stops, watching for likely victims.

A large number of cases where young women have been robbed of their hard-earned wages on their way home have been reported to the police, and plain clothes men have been detailed to keep a look-out for the snatchers.

Strong handbags are another new menace.

This meanest type of petty thieving goes on where whole families leave their homes to spend the night in public shelters.

Thieves break into deserted houses and steal anything from tea rations to jewellery.

## MACHINE-GUNNING OF BOYS

SAVAGE MACHINE-GUN ATTACKS ON BRITAIN WERE CARRIED OUT BY GERMAN PLANES YESTERDAY.

Their "targets" included an East Coast light ship, a town in East Anglia, a railway train, and boys cycling to school.

Some of the boys were injured.—Reuter.

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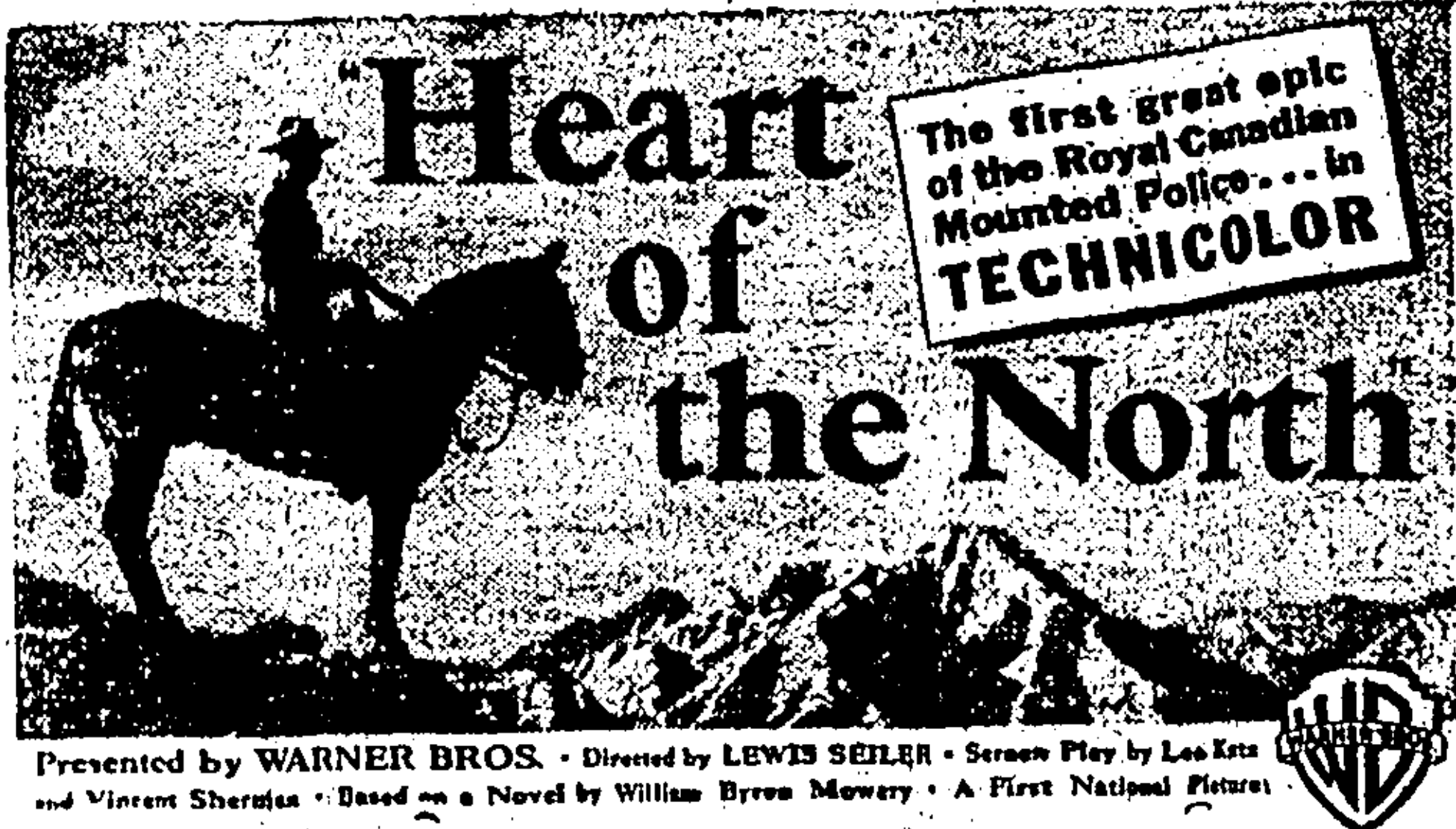
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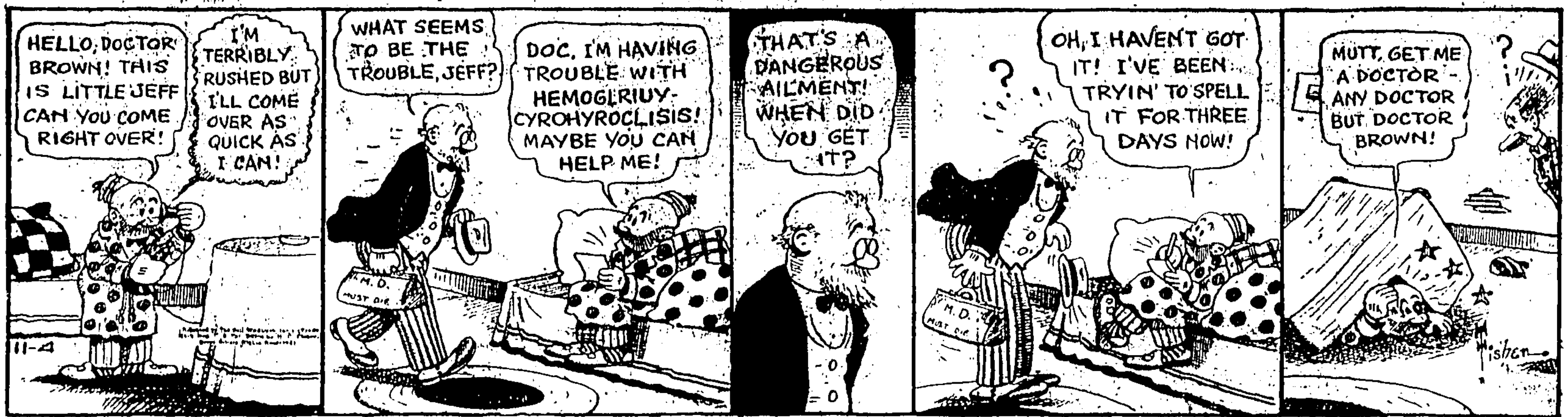


TO-MORROW: "ADVENTURES OF MARCO POLO"



## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



## DESERTED SHIP—FINE, GAOL

A charge against two seamen brought under the Defence Regulations was heard in camera at Thames Police Court at the request of Mr. Vincent Evans (for the Director of Public Prosecutions).

The court was reopened for the public to hear the magistrate's decision.

The men were Frederick George Almond, twenty-three, of Sandford Street, Birkenhead, and Henry Holmes, twenty-three, of Wood Street, Birkenhead, both trimmers, and they were charged with being absent from their ship, without leave.

Almond was fined £10 or one month, and Holmes was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

The magistrate (Mr. John Harris) said: "You two men have pleaded guilty to deserting your ship when she was in a port ready to join a convoy bringing food to this country."

"You went ashore, having been warned that the ship was due to sail, and although you returned to the ship later you lost the convoy, and the ship and the food intended for this country were delayed considerably."

## London Lists Raid Damage

THE EMBASSIES of the United States, Spain, and Japan and the London headquarters of the Governments of Australia, South Africa and Southern Rhodesia have been damaged in air raids, it was disclosed in a list of places authorised for publication.

The list, which contained dozens of famous buildings, streets, squares and districts which have been announced as damaged from time to time, included such places as the Associated Press of America Building, Austin Reed, a men's store, the Bank of England, where a bomb fell nearby, Berkeley Square, Berwick Market, Berwick Street, Bond Street, Bourne and Hollingsworth, a West End Department store, the British Museum courtyard, Bruton Street, Buckingham Palace, Burlington Arcade, Burlington Gardens, and Burlington Home in Piccadilly. Continuing, the list disclosed damage to Carnaby Street, Charterhouse Clinic, Chelsea, Christ's Church at Westminster Bridge Road; Church of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington; County Hall Westminster; the "Daily Herald" Office, District Headquarters of the American Ambulance Unit at Tunbridge Wells, Kent; D. H. Evans, a West End department store; Elephant and Castle district; Eltham Palace, "Evening Standard" office; Ford showroom at Regent

Street, Fulham; Great Ormond Street Hospital, Guildhall, where a bomb fell nearby; Hogarth's House of Lords.

Varying degrees of damage were done to the Imperial War Museum, Indian Students Hostel, Inner Temple Library, Islington Parish Church, Italian Tourist Company, the Japanese Embassy, evacuated owing to time bomb; Jewin Chapel, John Lewis, another West End department store; Lambeth Palace, Lambeth Walk Market, Law Courts, London Hospital, Madame Tussaud's wax works, Maddox Street, Marylebone, Mayfair, the New Statesman and Nation Office, Oxford Street, Park Lane, Peter Robinson's, a West End department store, Piccadilly and Piccadilly Hotel, Port of London Authority Docks, Public Records Office.

The authorised list, although giving no details as to the extent of damage done, also recorded damage to Queen Mary's Hospital, Radnor House, Regent Street, Rotten Row, Royal Arcade, St. Augustine Church at Watling Street; St. Clemens Church, in East Cheap; St. Dunstan's Headquarters, St. Dunstan's in the East, St. Giles at Cripplegate; St. John the Evangelist at Smith Square; St. Magnus the Martyr, St. Margaret's at Westminster; St. Mary-at-the-Hill, St. Mary Woolnoth, St. Paul's Churchyard, St. Swithin's at Church Street; St. Thomas' Hospital in Savile Row; Selfridge's well-known Oxford Street department store; Sloane House, Spanish Embassy, Belgrave Square, Statue of Richard Coeur de Lion at Old Palace; Swiss Relief Centre at Fitzroy Square; the Tate Gallery, Trinity College Library, Wallace Collection Courtyard, Westminster Abbey, and Westminster Hall.

[A news photograph taken recently in London disclosed that the office of "The Times" sustained damage in a recent raid which left a hole in the front of the building and blew out all of the windows.]

## HARD LABOUR FOR LOOTER

A man who stole a child's dressing-gown from a house which had been wrecked by a bomb during an air raid was sentenced to one month's hard labour at a south of England police court.

The man, Lewis Hopgood, aged forty-one, was stated to have picked up the dressing-gown from a pile of clothing salvaged by the owner.

A police superintendent pointed out that anyone who stole articles left exposed or unprotected by war operations was liable to death or penal servitude for life.

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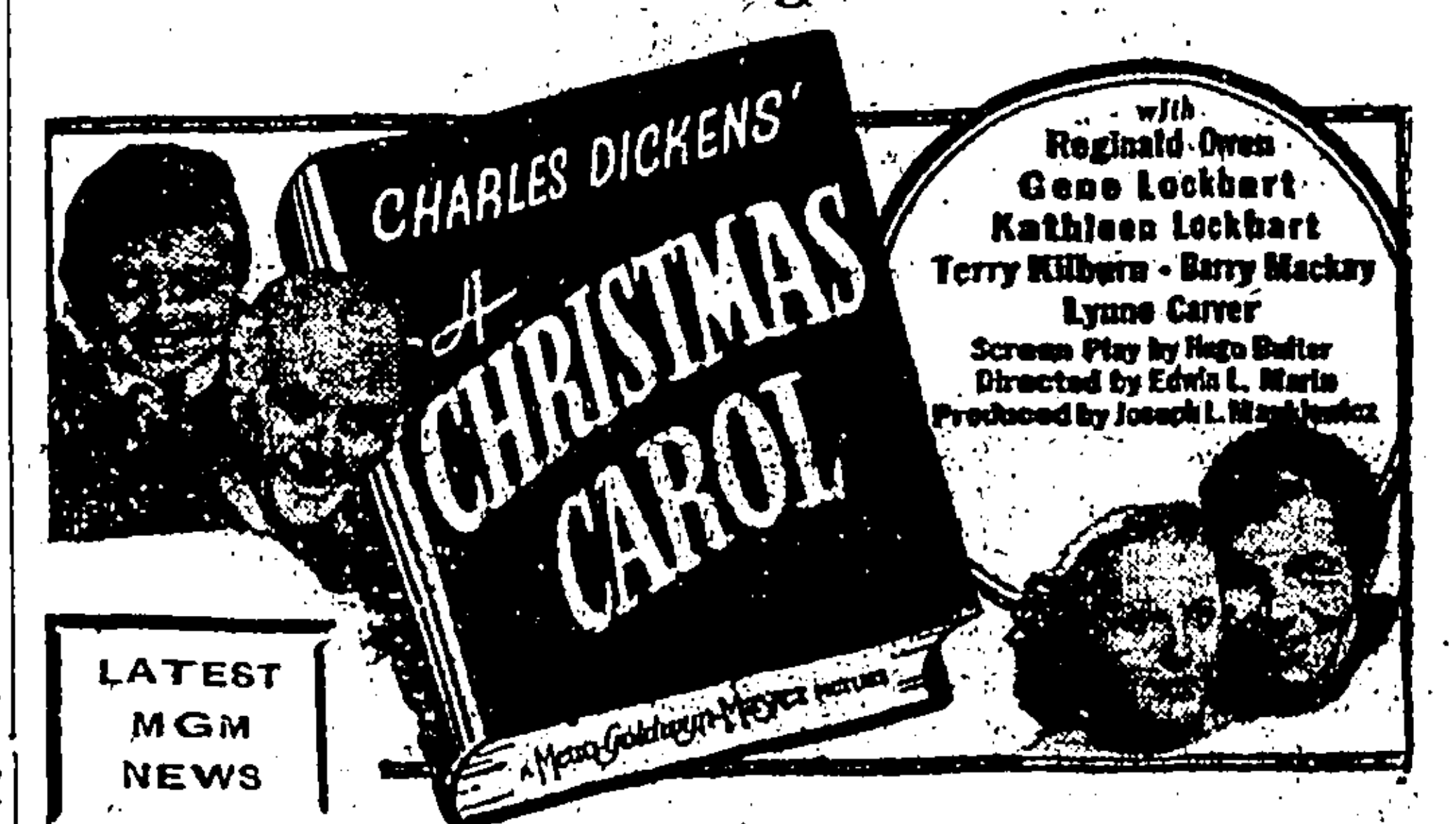
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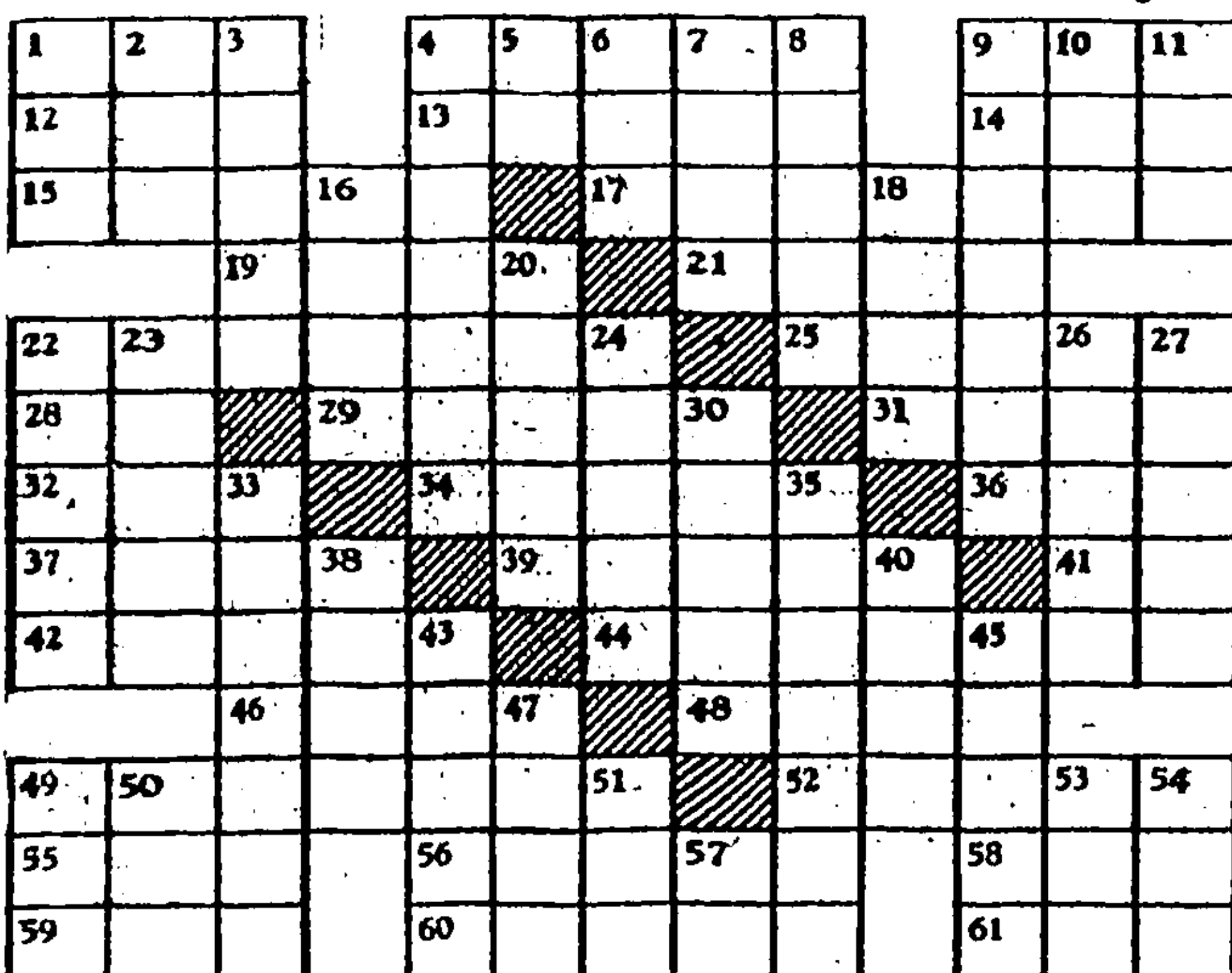
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- 4 Sweetened alcoholic drink
- 9 Philippine savage
- 12 To be obliged to
- 13 Rapidly
- 14 Genus of cattle
- 15 Utter contentment
- 17 Ancient Egyptian monarch
- 19 Large, heavy umbrella
- 21 South American tuber
- 22 Basket
- 25 To alter
- 28 Printer's measure
- 30 To scoff
- 32 Swift-Malayian vessel
- 33 Mineral
- 35 Prophecy
- 37 Atmosphere
- 38 Turkish regiment
- 40 To shoot from cover
- 42 Symbol for selenium
- 43 Looks amorously

## VERTICAL

- 45 Breathed violently
- 47 Lofly mountain
- 49 Certain
- 50 Feast
- 54 Russian ruler
- 57 Eggs
- 58 Fruit
- 60 French coin
- 61 To plead
- 63 Withered
- 63 Female sheep

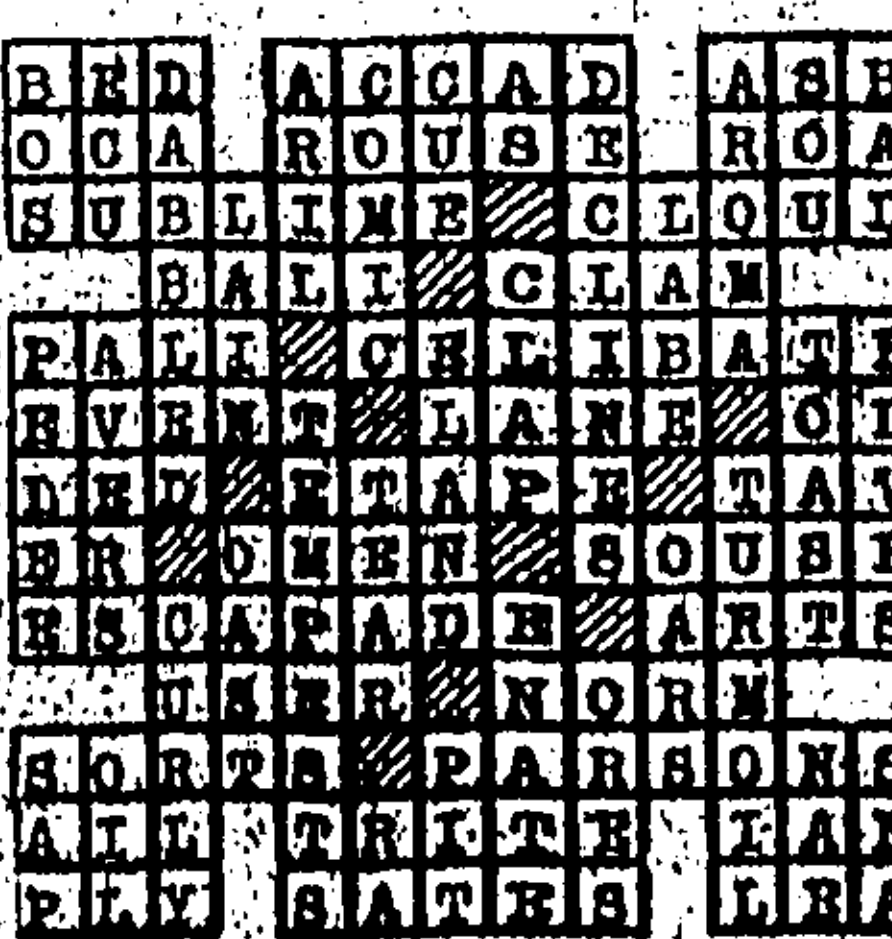
## VERTICAL

- 1 Convulsive sigh
- 2 Wise bird
- 3 To condescend
- 4 Ornamental plant
- 5 Above
- 6 Drink
- 7 Reverberation
- 8 Tranquility

## VERTICAL

- 9 Sleeveless garment
- 10 Also
- 11 Tree
- 16 Without
- 18 Sleeping talk
- 20 Fares
- 22 Corolla leaf
- 23 Feeble-minded
- 24 Checks
- 26 Period of time
- 27 Clamour
- 28 Ventured
- 31 Showers
- 34 Scotch for "ho"
- 36 Issued copiously
- 39 Mesopotamia
- 41 Is mistaken
- 44 Strips of type metal
- 46 To annoy
- 48 French priest
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- 53 Sticky substance
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## MYSTERY OF NIGHT CALLS TO FLAT

(By A Special Correspondent)

IN A MAIDA VALE flat, a few nights ago, the telephone bell rang. It was 3.30 in the morning. Alone in the flat was a woman. She picked up the receiver and heard the voices of a man and woman in turn speaking in fluent German. The woman believes her callers were Gestapo agents.

She was Frau Irmgard Litten, mother of the German lawyer who "grilled" Hitler in the witness box, and who has broadcast, through the B.B.C., "to all German mothers."



When Loretta Young and Ray Milland first find themselves "married," in Columbia's "The Doctor Takes A Wife," they aren't even on speaking terms. But times change, and the practice of medicine apparently changes with them, or is Mr. Milland practicing medicine? It's a scene from the King's Theatre's comedy.

reached London in safety. In London she began to write the book for her dead son, "A Mother Fights Hitler."

She had almost finished the book some time before the war. "One night," she said, "I was asleep in the bed-sitting-room here, when I looked up and saw a man standing beside the desk."

"I was only half awake. I thought it was my son and said, 'What are you doing, Heinz?' A voice answered in German, 'Go on sleeping. I had only forgotten something.'"

"I went to sleep again. Next morning I got up as usual at six — I do my writing before I start the housework. I sat down at the desk thinking very cheerfully, 'In three days I shall be finished. I opened the drawer. The typescript was not there.'"

"I woke Heinz. He had not been in my room last night. The man I had seen beside my desk had been the agent of the Gestapo."

## Amazing Luck

"But here was amazing luck. I had shown the carbon copy to a friend overnight. She had been reading it here in the room, and, since she had not quite finished, begged me to let her take the typescript home for a few hours. She promised faithfully to bring it back next day — which she did, and I went on with my book, in spite of the Gestapo."

This is the book now published. It has a foreword by the Archbishop of York, an introduction by W. Arnold-Forster.

I talked yesterday for a long time with Frau Litten. She has lived for years in the midst of horrors and still remains cheery, friendly, extraordinarily human.

But she says in a quiet, matter-of-fact way, "When I eat now it is not so much because I am hungry, but because I want to be strong to fight Hitler. When I sleep it is not because I am tired, but because I want to be calm to fight Hitler."

When she says that it doesn't sound rhetorical, just plain matter-of-fact.

There is this point worth mentioning. The British Government allows Frau Litten to broadcast. It doesn't allow her to possess a wireless set. After all, to officialdom she is "an enemy alien." White-haired pastor's daughter, professor's wife, Hans Litten's mother — somebody has said this is the woman Hitler is afraid of. In this case I believe Hitler is right.

## R.A.F. OFFICER A PRISONER

Pilot-Officer Leslie Frederick Gregory is a prisoner of war in Italy, it was announced in Rome, says Reuter.

## STRANGE CONTRASTS IN LONDON

A letter received recently from a censor in England describes the strange situation in London with, on the one hand, people going about their business as usual, completely ignoring air-raids, and on the other hand the huge bomb craters and ruins in parts of the city. Activity on the Thames goes on as before the war, barges and ships unloading cargo at numerous wharves in the port.

Extracts from the letter follow: "You could get on a bus and travel for two or three hours from end to end of London, and see nothing more abnormal than the ordinary come and go. A taxi driver and five job fare, with a couple of hours to spare would give you a 'tour of the ruins' such as Cromwell may have dreamt about."

"Top of Ludgate Hill this morning on the west front of St. Paul's they are peacefully feeding the pigeons and strolling about in the sunshine. Round the other side half a minute walk and you see the fire fighters pouring water by the thousand gallon on to Cheapside approaches to Friday Street and Watling Street and a misty maze of smoke and steam right down past Bow Bells. A real picture, a sinister picture when you go down the side streets and see tired, pale, grimy features of firemen snatching a few minutes sleep."

"On my way through across London Bridge from the Southwark side the same old barges loaded down to water level were taking their turns to be disembowelled by the giant cranes along the wharves and the tugs were chugging along, taking others to their embankments."

## Huge Crater

"Just over, right in front of the Fire Monument was a crater of about 15 ft. diameter, and just heaps of dust and lath and plaster where buildings used to adjoin the District Railway Station."

"Only a stone's throw down the street was the usual jam of lorries and handcarts, and round Billingsgate market the crowd of fishmongers not in the least interested about last night's crash and fireworks. 'Gay and grim?' I should say so, some of the locals round Fish Street Hill, would go on bargaining although gates of hell were open next door."

"Over Westminster Bridge, everything intact except a wing of St. Thomas Hospital and that looks as though Nelson Wise, the homebreaker, had almost completed the demolition sort of his day's work. It will take that house painter, shickleruber (Hitler) years to do the damage he dreams of. Satan must be ashamed of the bungler."

It is not the first time Frau Litten has been threatened since the war. Earlier this spring, after she had taken part in a broadcast in the Home Service programme, one of a series with the general title of "Under Nazi Rule," she was warned.

The same night, again at 3.30 a.m., the telephone rang. A woman's voice asked, "Who is there?" "Frau Litten speaking." The stranger rang off without replying. A moment later the bell rang again. This time a man's voice spoke in fluent German.

"You will be well advised not to do any more broadcasting," he said. "Another thing — we advise you for your own good — don't publish your book."

The book is being published by Allen and Unwin. It is called "A Mother Fights Hitler." It tells more fully the story that Frau Litten told listeners on the night of the Gestapo telephone call. It is the story of her son, Hans Litten, famous German barrister who consistently fought the cases of Nazi victims in the years before Hitler came to power.

In May, 1931, Hans Litten, presenting claims on behalf of two workmen stabbed by Nazis of the infamous Storm Troop 33, called Hitler as witness.

After two hours' cross-examination Hitler flew into a passion. "I refuse to speak of murders here," he shouted. "The men were defending their Fatherland."

When Hitler burned the Reichstag the cross-examining lawyer was one of the first to be thrust into a concentration camp. For years his mother fought for his life. So did English friends. The support of English friends was enlisted and Lord Allen of Hurtwood had written an article on the lawyer which was to have been printed in "The Times" in January, 1938, when the news came that Hans Litten in the concentration camp at Dachau was dead.

Sitting very upright and formal in her London room which she has made so much her own that it might have come straight out of an old Dutch painting, Frau Litten told what happened next.

"I rang up the Gestapo," she said. "I have just received the news that my son has hanged himself in the Dachau camp. I want at all costs to see the body, and I beg you to give me the permit immediately. Heil Hitler!"

"She got her pass. She went to Dachau. She looked down on her son lying in a narrow deal coffin. He was tightly swathed to the chin so that she could only see his head. It was an austere, emaciated head, haggard, but the features wore a certain expression of relief."

"She says, 'I thought, St. Francis must have looked like that.' She knew he had not hanged himself."

## Friendly Warning

A little time later a stranger called. He said, "You realise now your son is dead the Gestapo will want some means of keeping you silent. I happen to know they are going to get hold of your other son, Heinz, as a hostage."

Frau Litten got busy. She rang up her dentist, her dressmaker, her friends. She made all sorts of appointments for the next fortnight. To each of them she said, "I want to see you soon because in a fortnight's time I'm going to Switzerland for a few weeks holiday." She fixed the date and the train she arranged to meet her friends at the station.

And, having made all her appointments and fixed the Gestapo telephone-tappers, Frau Litten and Heinz slipped out of Germany not a fortnight hence, but that same night. They



# CHINA MAIL

## WINDSOR HOUSE

## THIS FREEDOM

A high constitutional authority has said that the most important hour in any Legislative Assembly in the world is question time in the House of Commons. There we have daily the Grand Inquest of the Nation on which in the simplest way Parliament performs its immemorial function of listening to complaints and redressing grievances. If one asks why the proceedings of Congress do not interest the American public in anything like the same degree that those of the British Parliament do the British people, a large part of the answer is that owing to the differences in constitutional practice, the American Congress lacks this contact with the daily life of the people. The reports of question-time in the House of Commons since the war began, show conclusively that in protecting British constitutional liberties, the survival of this feature has alone been of high value.

A Free Parliament and a Free Press remaining in active existence, though submitting voluntarily to the necessary discipline of war, are now the chief outward and visible signs that we present to the world of our faith in liberty and democracy. That they should remain in being and command a high measure of public respect is the main guarantee of the pledge which the Prime Minister authorised Sir Archibald Sinclair to broadcast that it was the policy of Government "to preserve in all essentials a free Parliament and a free Press, that all those emergency measures which restrict the liberty of the subject shall disappear with the passing of the emergency, and that the new offences created by regulations under the Emergency Powers Act and the extraordinary powers entrusted to the Executive will vanish with the advent of victory and peace."

There is a gloomy speculation which represents democracy as helplessly caught in a trap by war. Either, it is argued, it will be defeated in war or destroy itself in winning a war. The Prime Minister shows the way out of this supposed impasse. If Parliament permitted itself to be extinguished in war, to be silenced or fall into desuetude on the order of the Executive, the recovery of its liberties at the end of the war would be a slow and painful, perhaps impossible, task for a long period to come. But Parliament which has pre-

It was a starlit night, and not a breath of wind was stirring. I was awakened by a scream. It

I thought at first he was having a nightmare, then, as I became fully awake, I realised that his scream was accompanied by a louder, wilder scream outside; the banshee wail of the air raid siren going over the dark countryside.

Doors opened in the lonely old house. Voices called and whispered. Glow-worm pools of torch-light on landings showed women struggling into overcoats or pulling flannel trousers over pyjamas.

In the nursery, a boy of three sat in his cot trembling and bewildered, asking what the horrible sound was.

He was told that it was a beautiful new chu-chu with a lot of red carriages; and that appeared to satisfy him.

With the pathetic readiness of a child to be deceived by those he trusts, he calmed down and was wrapped in a blanket and carried into the night, across the paved terrace into a hole in the hill-side.

I felt admiration for the courage and the ingenuity of women.

### A Lovely Game

"Isn't it a lovely game, darling?" I heard one say, as dark forms flitted like ghosts in the starlight. "Yes," said the child doubtfully. The hideous wail of the siren had died away to be succeeded by an intense stillness. Yes; I could hear, high up, the hum of aircraft.

It was humiliating to think that, up there near the stars, some impulse, or even a sudden jolt, might cause the finger of a young German to press the bomb-release at the precise moment when the curve of descent would land his cargo of death on this dear and harmless home.

I felt anger rising: blast Hitler, and blast the German people who love such gods.

A dog frisked round me, leaping and whimpering with pleasure, thinking what a good sport I was to get up in the middle of the night.

A voice called to me from the hill:

"Whatever are you doing? Have you switched off the light?"

### Tasty Sausage

No, I hadn't. I turned to the dark and empty house, now looking utterly doomed, as if it had

By H.V. Morton

only a moment to live, and, by the light of my torch, went to the kitchen and flung over the switches.

I opened a cupboard and saw some cold sausages on a plate. I began to eat one.

The clock said it was fifteen minutes past two. The sausage tasted very good.

Suddenly, I felt my hand jerk up, and the sausage missed its way to my mouth, as an explosion shook the windows: a sound like a gigantic load of coal being un-tipped.

I felt alone and afraid. Why was I lingering about like this? I must get away.

With nerves stretched to meet another explosion, which I felt must come at any moment I went swiftly through the house, out into the pale starlight and across to the dug-out in the hill.

The bank rose, dark and shaggy. Thin stems of foxgloves leaned out of long grass and nettles.

As I drew near, a strange and improbable sound came out of the earth; and I was reminded of Irish fairy-tales. I heard a thin merry tinkle of music from the hill, and the sound of singing:—

Ba, ba black sheep,  
Have you any wool?  
Yes sir, yes sir,  
Three bags full.

I entered the dug-out and saw a slight which might have met the eyes of an early Christian in the Catacombs.

In the long, narrow, tomb-like place, my household sat round the child. Upon the floor stood an old nursery gramophone, from whose reluctant vitals proceeded the hearty voice of Uncle Mack of Children's Hour.

My God, what a children's hour!

"Be careful what you say," I was warned. "He's forgotten the s-i-r-e-n."

"Was that a b-o-m-b or a g-u-n?" someone asked me, spelling the words, so that the child should not seize on them and associate them with fear.

"It was a b-o-m-b," I spelt back.

"Surely those were G-e-r-m-a-n planes — the high up ones—as we came in?"

"Yes! they were G-e-r-m-a-n."

"Noise! Noise!" said the child suspiciously, remembering again the ogre-like scream of the siren; and we flung ourselves into an ecstasy of normality in order to chase his little mind away from the boundaries of reality, knowing that so young and small a thing had no right to trespass into our bloody world.

"Now let's play pat-a-cake!" said someone with a firm, astringent voice, and soon the clammy catacomb echoed to the clapping of hands.

"Isn't it a lovely dug-out?"

"Yes; a lovely dug-out," agreed the child with wide blue eyes. "Lovely dug-out!"

### Dear Old Thunder

"Gosh! That was near!"

The earth shook.

"Only thunder," said the child happily.

"Yes, of course, only thunder dear, funny old thunder," we replied. And we looked at each other, knowing that death was casually roaming about overhead, near the stars.

It is the casualness of death from the air that is so infuriating. You do not kill even blackbeetles by dropping a flat-iron on them.

"Civilisation, 1940," I thought, would be a grand title for us, as we sat in the morgue-like tomb.

When I looked out, I saw the lovely light of a new day trembling in the east. The grass was turning green again, and the fields were gold with wheat or white with barley.

The fantasy of that night seemed dispelled. We were like people who had been living under an evil spell, now broken by the welling upward of a new day.

And, even as I looked, there came the sound of the "all clear"; and I went inside and told them.

The child was asleep. We carried him to the house and slid him into his cot; and then went back to bed.

In the morning, or rather later in the morning, we learned that "some damage had been done to farm buildings," and that the "loss of life was negligible."

Whose farm, we wondered; and whose negligible life?

# Why Bachelors Stay That Way

Between the ages of 20 and 27 man is most susceptible. He'll plunge in headlong, eyes blind. But after 27, scepticism sets in along with "Reasonable Hours" and the bachelor goes into hibernation. He becomes as shy of marriage as buying a new hat—WHY?

AFTER 27 the male begins to use his head, and it will take an expert indeed to beat down his panicky ideas.

Bank manager or on-the-dole, all bachelors have fixed obsessions of the worst things that can happen to them.

LOSING HIS FRIENDS... At bachelor dinners the bridegroom is always spoken of in the past tense. "What a good fellow he used to be!" "Didn't we have fun in the old days?" All this, of course, is a good joke, but it firmly fixes in a bachelor's mind that the bridegroom will never see his friends again and that marriage is as final as going to war.

WRONG CHOICE... A bachelor can't make up his mind on any one girl. The girls he couldn't live without ten years ago have changed so much that now he wouldn't be caught out with them. He squirms at his narrow escape. How does he know that to-day's choice may not be to-morrow's mistake. He may be drawn between a young girl with slender charms, or a dowager with a fat bank account. He's afraid that either choice may be a wrong one so he doesn't choose.

MARRYING A BRIDGE CLUB... is a big proposition. Will he come home every evening to find a bevy of women in complete occupation of his living-room like the Soviets in Poland?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HIS POSSESSIONS? The bachelor collects all sorts of junk, under the general heading of hobbies and souvenirs. Class pictures, whisky

served the essentials of freedom and used its powers in such a way as to carry the support and respect of the public will be irresistible when it demands the restoration of its liberties.

bottles, old magazines are all a part of his precious sanctum sanctorum. With the invasion of a woman, man sees all these cherished belongings whisked into the hall closet for "safe keeping," to be replaced in prompt order by glass gadgets, white lamp-shades, and fluffy nothings.

HIS WIFE LETTING HERSELF GO... as soon as she is safely and securely married, wearing the same old hair-do in spite of any new styles that might come along, and making his marriage as dated as a 1929 car.

HAVING TWINS IN THE FAMILY... may be a feat which would make him understandably proud, but the prospect of a family of four on his hands after the first year makes him doubly cautious. He sees the serenity of his home upset by a long series of howls, food formulas, diapers, clothes lines, clothes pins, and warming milk bottles.

HIS SAVINGS GO UP IN SMOKE... and disappear like Free Lunch in Scotland with the money he's been saving for fishing rods, vacations, golf clubs, and old age. They vanish overnight into brown linoleum, a gas stove and a three-piece suite.

BEING FOUND OUT... is one of the most unfortunate moments in a love affair or marriage. When the little lady stops cooing about really "understanding him" and begins seeing through his alibis it's a sure sign she has his number. It's a plain signal that he's no longer the dashing Don Juan of courtship days, but the plodding John Smith of marriage days.

PROPOSING... at all terrifies a man. He never suffers more agonised suspense as during the few minutes when he is waiting for a girl's answer to a proposal she has been waiting for years for him to make.

HIS PRIVATE THOUGHTS... become an open book when a curious little lady begins prodding him with questions and poking into his mental corners. He sees himself punching a time clock for even his most intimate thoughts and unimportant activities. He

likes to keep at least some things to himself. That's why he joins Secret Societies and hides in his club. They give a man something to keep to himself (besides his pipe).

RUNNING A BOARDING HOUSE... for his wife's relatives is a formidable thought for any bachelor who may be barely used to keeping one room under control. A mother-in-law may drop in for tea and stay for the winter—and spend it prying with bird-like curiosity into closets and dusty corners. A brother-in-law, hoping to be set up in business, parks himself on them until he "gets on his own feet." The thought of coming home every evening to an elongated table of hungry relatives is a scary prospect to a bachelor who may be as brave as a lion at his office or the Grand Sachem at the lodge.

A MEAL TICKET!... He's heard that women plan marriage like going to market to buy a cabbage. He's scared he'll be the cabbage that some woman sizes up to see if he can feed the family.

A PUNCTURED EGO... frightens bachelors thinking of marriage. Very often a bachelor thinks of himself as a Tyrone Power and his success with the lady of his choice due to no less than his irresistible charm. It would shock him to death to really find out that his success was not so much due to his charms as the fact that the little lady was just beginning to question the desirability of a lifetime behind file cases anyway.

HAVING SOMEONE TO TALK TO INCESSANTLY... He wonders if he can think of something interesting to say to a woman every day of his life—or if they will just sit and stare at each other.

BEING DOMINATED... is the most common marital fear of all bachelors. It keeps more men away from the altar than locked church doors. The bachelor is afraid the answer little feminine whisp might become a little dictatorial overnight, partition his cherished belongings and wage mechanised war with a vacuum cleaner on everything he wanted left alone. He sees himself as a minority, relegated to a den from

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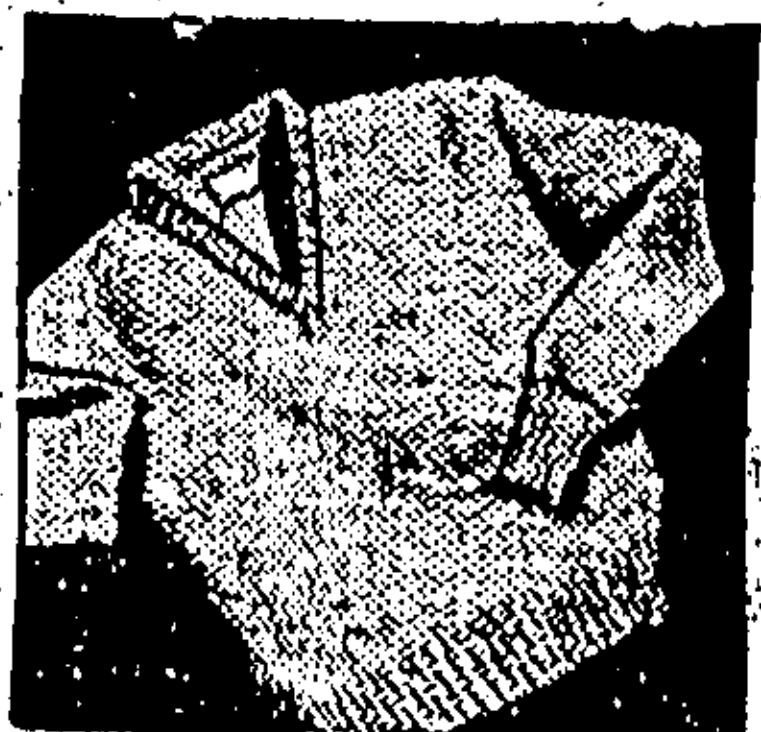
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# TRAINS DEFY AIR RAIDS FOR GRUMBLERS

(By A Special Correspondent)

A WARNING comes from the signal box, shooting stars of death flash in the night sky, the roar of the barrage and the bombs sounds above the rattle of the train, the driver cuts down speed. But the train goes on.

The passengers grumble as the train settles down to fifteen miles an hour, complain of another late arrival, grouse at the discomforts of train travel. Yet the train goes on.

Driver and fireman peer into the darkness from their cab, their responsibility increased a thousandfold as they keep at it through air raids, never knowing when some new bomb crater may open under their wheels.

This is the story of what befell three of these unsung heroes, the firemen, the drivers and the guards of the trains that get through.

### 9 Hours 5 Raids

In a nine-hour run from south to north-west England, a packed express had run the gauntlet of five raids.

Twenty miles from home, it steamed into another "blitz" area. Right in front of him, the driver could see the flashes of gunfire, flames from fires lit up the sky, the drone of raiders could be heard over the noise from the engine.

At a wayside station, the driver was signalled to stop. A porter shouted, "You can pull into the siding and wait if you like."

The driver shook his head, "I'll make a run for it," he answered, "I've got to get these people through if I can."

A few minutes later the train suddenly swayed and lurched crazily.

"It was just as if we'd run on to the sea," the driver said afterwards. "I glanced over my shoulder and could see the whole train heeling over like a boat in a storm."

For one ghastly moment, I thought the train was going over, but it righted itself, and almost immediately afterwards we were firm again.

"My fireman and I got out to investigate. We walked back and found that a bomb had landed right alongside the track."

"The dirt foundation to the track had been scooped away, but the lines were intact, across the gap, and miraculously had held our weight."

"We fixed detonators to the line to warn other traffic, and went on."

"The only thanks we got when we reached our destination were the usual grouses from passengers because the train was late. If only they knew!"

Not only do the railmen face imminent danger without a murmur. They work long hours, often as many as sixteen in a stretch, go without meals and are frequently called from their beds to run special relief trains. They are "doing their bit" in hazardous conditions without complaint.

## ARMED SPY CAUGHT AT STATION

A German spy has been caught in a Scottish town on his way to London.

Detectives had been looking all day for the man, who was known to be in the town.

They found him at the railway station a few minutes before the London train was due to leave.

Hundreds of people on the platform were unaware that the first Nazi spy to be caught in Scotland since war was declared had been trapped.

He was questioned but refused to give any information and was taken to a police station.

When searched he was found to possess a revolver, a passport, ration coupons (believed forged), and a bottle of aspirin tablets bearing the label of a chemist in Berlin.

The man, who was between 25 and 30 years of age, was taken to London, under armed guard.

## ENGLAND AT WAR

There is a short news film showing at the Queen's to-day everyone should see.

It shows something that ought to have been shown long ago, and that is the undamaged parts of London. The Nazis do all they can to suggest that London is in ruins and news cameramen normally have to concentrate on bombed areas because the rest is not news.

The result has been a slight loss of perspective. London has suffered—in parts severely—but here is a film to remind us however briefly that in relation to the whole, the damage to the Empire's capital is insignificant. For every house or office wrecked, hundreds still stand untouched and life goes on.

The film in question contains in addition other interesting shots; and it concludes with a moving record of the King's speech from Buckingham Palace during an air raid. Most of us heard this speech on the radio; on the screen its effect is heightened by impressive use of background material. While the King speaks the camera records the courage and the suffering of the common folk whom he praised. The whole thing is beautifully done—this, you say, is England at war.

## SHE HAD TO TEND HIS KILLERS

AS SHE TENDED wounded German airmen, a V.A.D. commandant heard that the place where her husband was working had been heavily bombed. She tried to phone him, was told that it was impossible to phone the spot.

The woman, Mrs. Hilda Young, returned to the Nazi airmen, who were in a Sussex institution. She knew that if her husband were dead, these were some of the raiders who had killed him.

Without flinching, she calmly worked on, then went home.

Relatives told her that her husband had been killed by a bomb in the raid.

The master of the institution paid a tribute to the bravery of Mrs. Young.

### "She Guessed"

"When she heard that the place at which her husband was working had been bombed, and learned that there was no telephonic communication, Mrs. Young seemed to have a premonition that he was dead," he told a reporter.

"She walked away, pale, but with a steely expression on her face and her head held high. She was biting her lower lip hard."

"Everyone guessed what had happened, but we were all amazed at her courage."

"She just went on with her work of tending the German airmen. She must have known that some of them were among those who had bombed her husband's place."

"The ordeal of the bombing during which the nurses carried on earlier in the afternoon was bad enough, but she faced this terrible news like a heroine."

Mr. and Mrs. Young had one son, a boy, aged four. Her husband's friend was killed with him by the bomb.

## BAN ON NAZI PAPER

The current issue of "Das Reich," Germany's important political weekly, has been seized by police and prohibited in Switzerland owing to attacks against Switzerland embodied in the leading article, letters to the editor, and an article by Dr. Schaffner, representative of the so-called Swiss National Movement. The Reich's campaign arose from the recent storm in a teacup connected with President Pilet-Golaz's action in granting an audience to Swiss Frontists, which resulted in a protest campaign throughout the country.

## THREE BROTHERS ALDERMEN

A municipal record was established at Bath when Councillor W. F. Long was made an alderman and joined his brothers, Mr. C. H. Long and Mr. G. J. Long, who are Aldermen.

## BAD LUCK BRINGER FOR HIRE

"At liberty—first class jinx, original fly-in-the-ointment, hard-luck dispenser par excellence." This advertisement was inserted in the "New York Herald-Tribune" by Mr. Stefan de Bandrowski, a Polish painter, whose luck is so bad that he wants to hire it out for a living—the one occupation in which he feels bound to succeed.

"Everything I do is not goes," Mr. Bandrowski explained to a reporter in his home in one of the smallest rooms in New York City.

Everything Mr. Bandrowski enjoys eating gives him indigestion. He should wear glasses, but is always dropping and breaking them. If he attempts to wear a watch, he drops it, and always on the cement, so it breaks good."

"Now if somebody would like not to see Roosevelt win, I will vote for him. He will lose bad," he said. "Maybe a baseball team would hire me. I bet on their opponents and it is a sure loss." Mr. Churchill might consider employing Mr. Bandrowski against Hitler.





She writes books in praise of spinsterhood; he is a doctor who hates all career women. But in Columbia's "The Doctor Takes A Wife," co-stars Loretta Young and Ray Milland are forced to pretend they are married and, eventually, they discover that the title of her book, "Marriage Ain't Measles," is singularly apt! Reginald Gardiner, Gail Patrick, Edmund Gwenn and Georges Metaxa are others in the cast of the King's Theatre attraction.

## GIRL BURIED FOUR DAYS, FOUND ALIVE

A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD girl buried beneath the debris of three houses demolished by a high-explosive bomb in South-West London was discovered four days later to be alive.

The girl, Mildred Castillo, is the daughter of a doctor who was out on an air-raid case when the bomb razed his house to the ground. When he returned home and saw his house wrecked he collapsed and has since died.

Four days afterwards, George Woodward, leader of a rescue and demolition squad which had been removing bricks and timber from the mass of debris, heard cries.

He and two others of the squad volunteered to tunnel through the wreckage. Through a small crack they saw Mildred.

### Handed Her Tea

They talked to her and passed her cups of tea while working frantically under a heap of rubble that at any moment might have collapsed on them.

It was evening before they carried Mildred to a waiting ambulance, alive, and, in the words of the doctor in charge, "in very good condition." She was taken to hospital.

The bomb, which fell on a row of houses, cut three of them out as cleanly as if they had been carved away with a giant knife.

The bodies of victims were removed earlier. All hope of finding anyone alive had been given up.

### Light Still On

Yet in Mildred's miracle cellar an electric light bulb still burned.

On the one wall still standing three wall mirrors, unscathed, can be seen from the street. Two fixture hanging cupboards, the doors torn away, expose to view a woman's wardrobe and an Army officer's uniforms.

There is scarcely a speck of dust on the woman's dresses, and the buttons of the uniforms shine as brightly as if they had just been polished.

## BOMB GIVES FREE LUNCH TO HOMELESS

THOUSANDS OF POOR, HOMELESS AIR-RAID VICTIMS HAD A FREE LUNCH IN AN EAST LONDON AREA THANKS TO A BOMB WHICH DAMAGED THE ELECTRIC POWER PLANT OF A LARGE MEAT FACTORY.

With the plant out of order, the factory manager found he had five tons of meat lying spare.

He sought, and was granted, permission of the Ministry of Food to use it, together with the firm's large stock of vegetables. And so giant cauldrons of stews were made for the victims of Nazi frightfulness.

### CHILD BURIED IN DEBRIS

## THOUGHT IT WAS A GAME

At 9.40 at night, in South-East London, Mr. Rogers, his wife and sister were playing cards while their children, Gordon, aged 5, and June, aged 2, were sleeping.

"Suddenly there was a terrific crash," Mr. Rogers told a reporter. "We shielded our heads with our hands, and when I looked up I saw that the back of the shelter had been flung 50 yards away, and that I was sitting on the edge of a huge crater.

### Nowhere To Be Seen

"My wife, sister and Gordon ran out of the front entrance, but June, the baby, was nowhere to be seen."

With his bare hands Mr. Rogers dug into the earth and debris, when suddenly he heard a laugh.

"It was June, buried five feet underground, with a lump of concrete on top of her," Mr. Rogers added. "When I took her out, she just said, 'Don't play so rough, daddy.' She thought it was all a game, and still does."

For the rest of the night the family slept in a neighbour's shelter, except for Mr. Rogers' sister, who was taken to hospital with slight injuries.

### Killed While Asleep

Nearby two people who were asleep in their bedrooms were killed by another bomb.

Another bomb hit a costumier's shop in the same district for the second time in two days. No one was injured.

## WOMEN FEARED DRUNK TOMMY

How a soldier got drunk and then began stopping passers-by demanding to see their identity cards, was described at Bristol when Henry John Egan was fined 5s. for being drunk and disorderly.

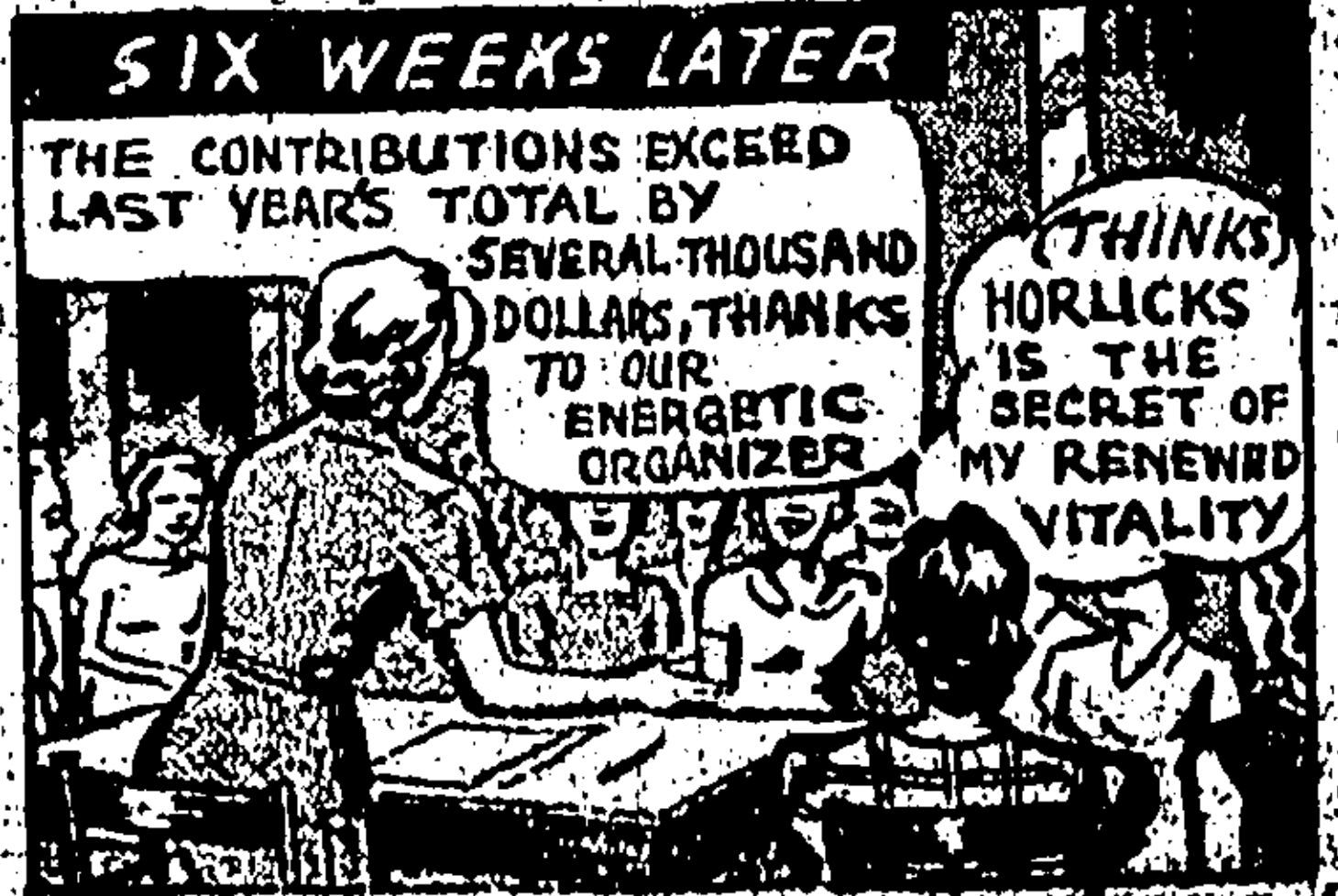
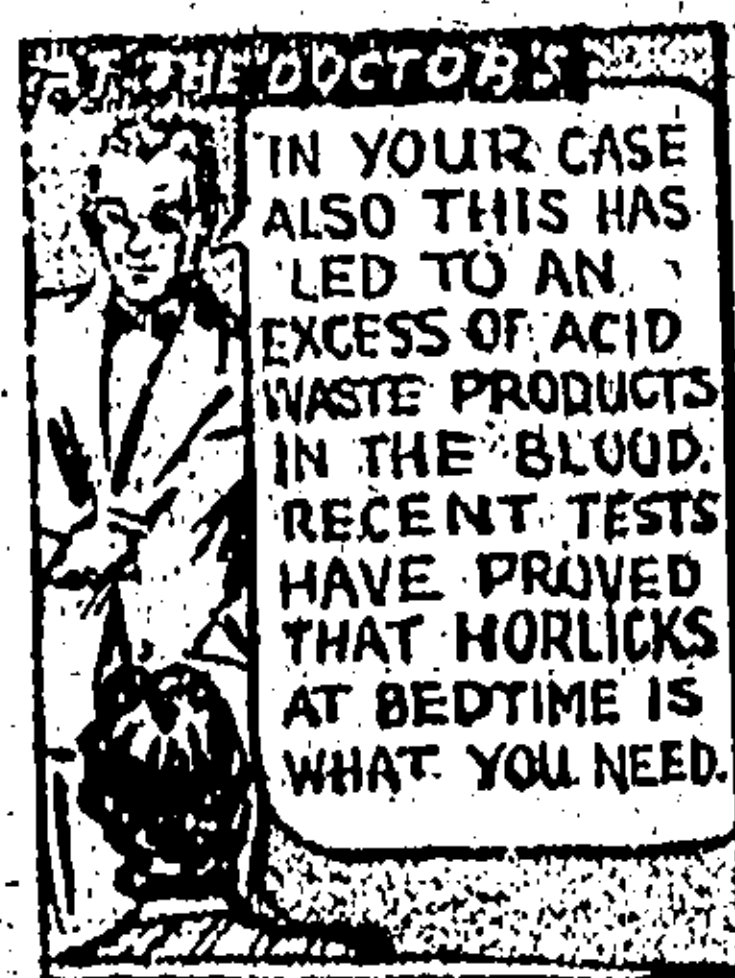
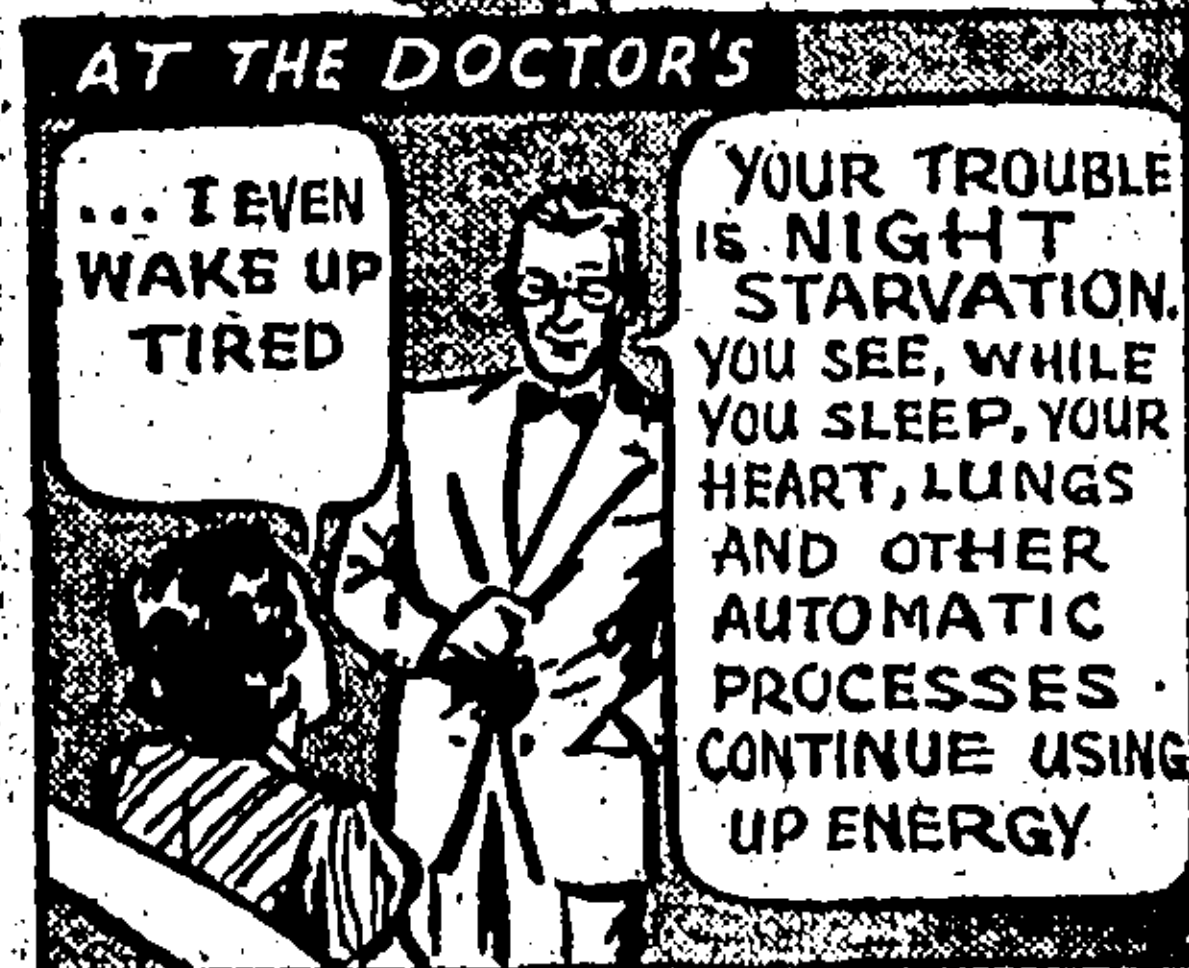
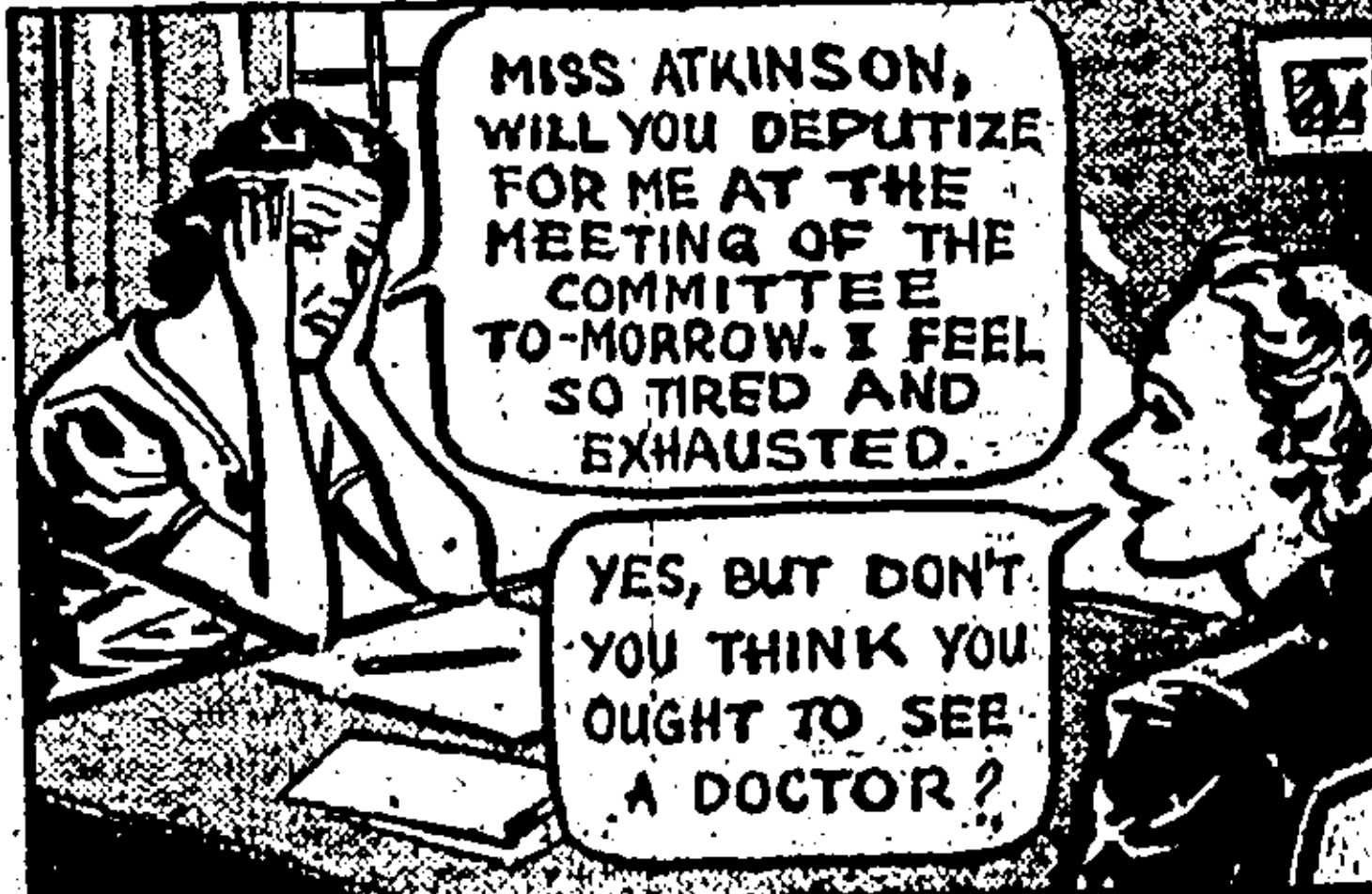
A police officer said Egan was armed with a rifle, bayonet, and ten clips of ammunition, and had frightened a number of women by his strange manner.

A policeman grappled with Egan and disarmed him by force.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

## NO. 22

### CRIME DOESN'T PAY! By The Four Aces

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East-West vulnerable

10 9 8 7  
A 10 6 3  
K 10 9  
5 4  
A 4 3  
Q J 8 4  
A 8 5  
Q 10 7 2  
N  
W  
E  
S  
A 5 2  
K 4 2  
7 6 3 2  
8 6 2  
K Q J 6  
9 7  
Q J 4  
A K J 9

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♣    | Pass | 1♥    | Pass |
| 1♠    | Pass | 2♠    | Pass |
| 2NT   | Pass | 3♠    | Pass |
| 4♠    | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

West opened a trump, East winning with the Ace and returning another trump. South won the second trick, cashed two high clubs, and ruffed a club in dummy. He then led a diamond from dummy, playing the Queen from his own hand, and West won with the diamond Ace.

West returned a low heart, but dummy's Ace won; and South regained the lead with the diamond Jack to ruff out the last club loser. He had to give up a heart trick, but easily won the rest to fulfill his contract. Something slipped somewhere. See if you can tell who committed what crime before you read any more.

East was the criminal, and his crime occurred at the very first trick. West found the right defence by opening a trump, but East made a hash of matters by putting up his Ace. If he had played a low trump, South would have won and managed to ruff one club but would be unable to get the lead back into his own hand in order to ruff the other club. He would lead diamonds (just as he actually did) and West would get the lead with his diamond Ace. But then West would still have his other trump left; and by leading that trump he would allow East to take the trump Ace and lead a third round of trumps. With only one club ruff in the dummy, South would have won only nine tricks for a one-trick set.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and with both sides vulnerable, you held:

A K J 6  
Q 10 8 6 4  
A 9  
K 10

The bidding:

| You | Schenken | Jacoby | Maler |
|-----|----------|--------|-------|
| 1♥  | Pass     | 1NT    | Pass  |
| (7) |          |        |       |

ANSWER: Bid two spades. This bid may compel your partner to go to three hearts, but your hand is strong enough to stand such a contract. Score 100% for two spades 20% for two no-trump.

## Question No. 591

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner with the same hand as above, and the bidding continues

| You | Schenken | Jacoby | Maler |
|-----|----------|--------|-------|
| 1♥  | Pass     | 1NT    | Pass  |
| 2♠  | Pass     | 2NT    | Pass  |
| (7) |          |        |       |

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

## WIND BROUGHT GOOD NEWS

On holiday in Devonshire, Miss G. Elliott, of Trimley, Suffolk, picked up a newspaper which had blown across the sands to her feet as she sat on the beach.

Glancing through it, she read that her fiance, Eric Richard Stewart, twenty-two, of Clarkson Street, Ipswich, had been awarded the Military Medal.

That was the first she knew of it. Miss Elliott wrote to Stewart's parents. "It was news to us, too," his mother, Mrs. J. Stewart, told a reporter.

## ST. PAUL'S HERO'S PLEA SAVES BOMB MEN

THE MAN who saved St. Paul's successfully pleaded on behalf of two of his men. Two members of a bomb disposal squad were accused at Clerkenwell (London) Police Court where they admitted having assaulted police officers.

Their commanding officer, Lieutenant R. Davies, who was in charge of the squad which dug out the 1,000lb. time bomb at St. Paul's Cathedral, spoke for them and they were discharged.

"We have been working at high pressure on unexploded bombs," he told the magistrate, Mr. Walter Hedley, K.C. "With all due respect for the job, it is not the type of work a lot of people rush after."

"They are working in the face of sudden death practically all the time. I know that my own temper has become somewhat frayed."

"As soldiers they are of the best sir."

A few moments later his men were leaving the court in an Army lorry to continue their job.

Wilfred Hall, twenty-four, a sapper, admitted using insulting words and behaviour and assaulting Special Constable Eldridge.

### Hostile Crowd

Lance-Corporal John Gale, twenty, admitted assaulting Police-Constable Watkins, but in reply to a charge of damaging a window of a public-house in Clerkenwell Road, E.C., replied: "I don't remember it."

Inspector Kent said the two men were concerned in an incident at the public-house.

Police-Constable Watkins was called in and advised them to leave quietly, but was punched on the nose by Lance-Corporal Gale who was arrested but broke away.

When Watkins seemed likely to be overpowered, another officer knocked Gale out with his truncheon.

In the meantime, a large and hostile crowd tried to get at Watkins.

## WOMEN WILL GET SAME WAGES AS MEN

Women employed by Cooperative Societies in place of men and assuming duties different from those of women workers in the same department will be paid at the rate of the man's wage after six months' service.

They are also to receive the man's war bonus—7s. a week in the case of adults.

During the first six months they will receive 80 per cent. of the man's wages and the women's war bonus, 5s. in the case of adults.

This agreement has been reached by the Cooperative Unions' National Wages Council, representing 800 societies, and the trade unions concerned.

## SIRENS DON'T SAVE

"Sirens are a curse. As a result of them many hours of useful work have been lost. I don't believe that sirens have saved life."

This view was stated by Mr. Ben Tillitt, the veteran dockers' leader, at the National Trade Union Club, London.

Sirens, he declared, were clumsy and barbarous. There were good alternatives—the wireless, the telephone, A.R.P. and other agencies—which could give warning, and factories could still carry on.

Every day, he said, the Germans came over and won bloodless victories.

"I want to make this protest. The Government must be alive to the criminal waste of energy and labour. Nerves have been destroyed by the sirens without any results."

### Official View

An official of the Ministry of Home Security explained that the siren alarm was given when the Fighter Command considered that the course of the raiders might take them over some part of the London area.

Although raiders might alter their course and swerve aside, they might still again change direction and try to make for London.

Experience, said the official, might possibly modify the present arrangements, but so far, on the whole, they had worked fairly successfully.

### B.B.C. Roof Watcher?

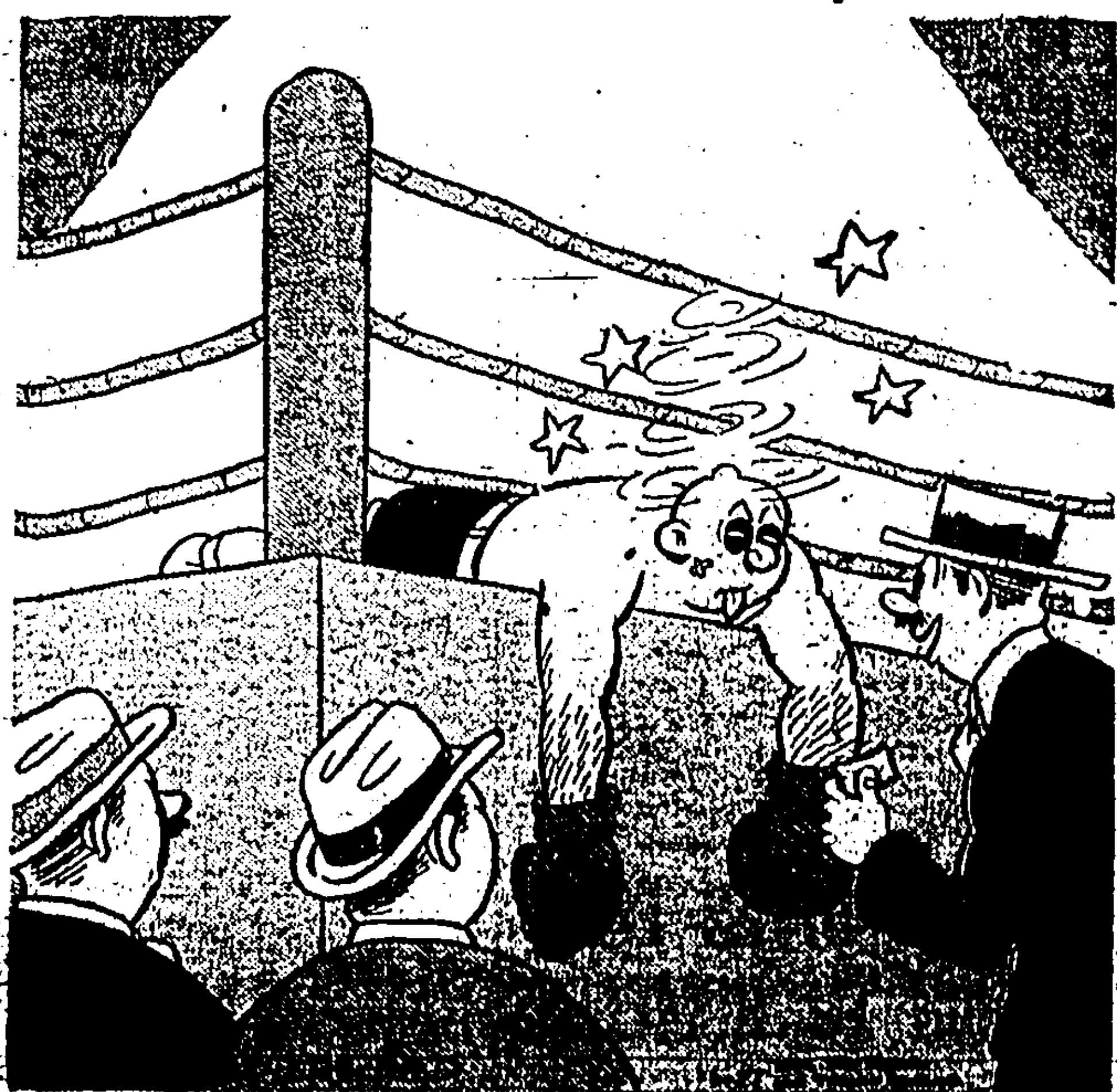
The B.B.C. is considering plans to reduce the interruption of programmes when the sirens sound, and for more "live" shows during the actual warning period.

At present gramophone record programmes are substituted for the show in progress at the time, but the B.B.C. is aiming at something better.

Another matter under consideration by the B.B.C. is the establishment of a roof watcher during air raid warning periods. He will warn the nucleus staff still working above ground if danger approaches closely.

### OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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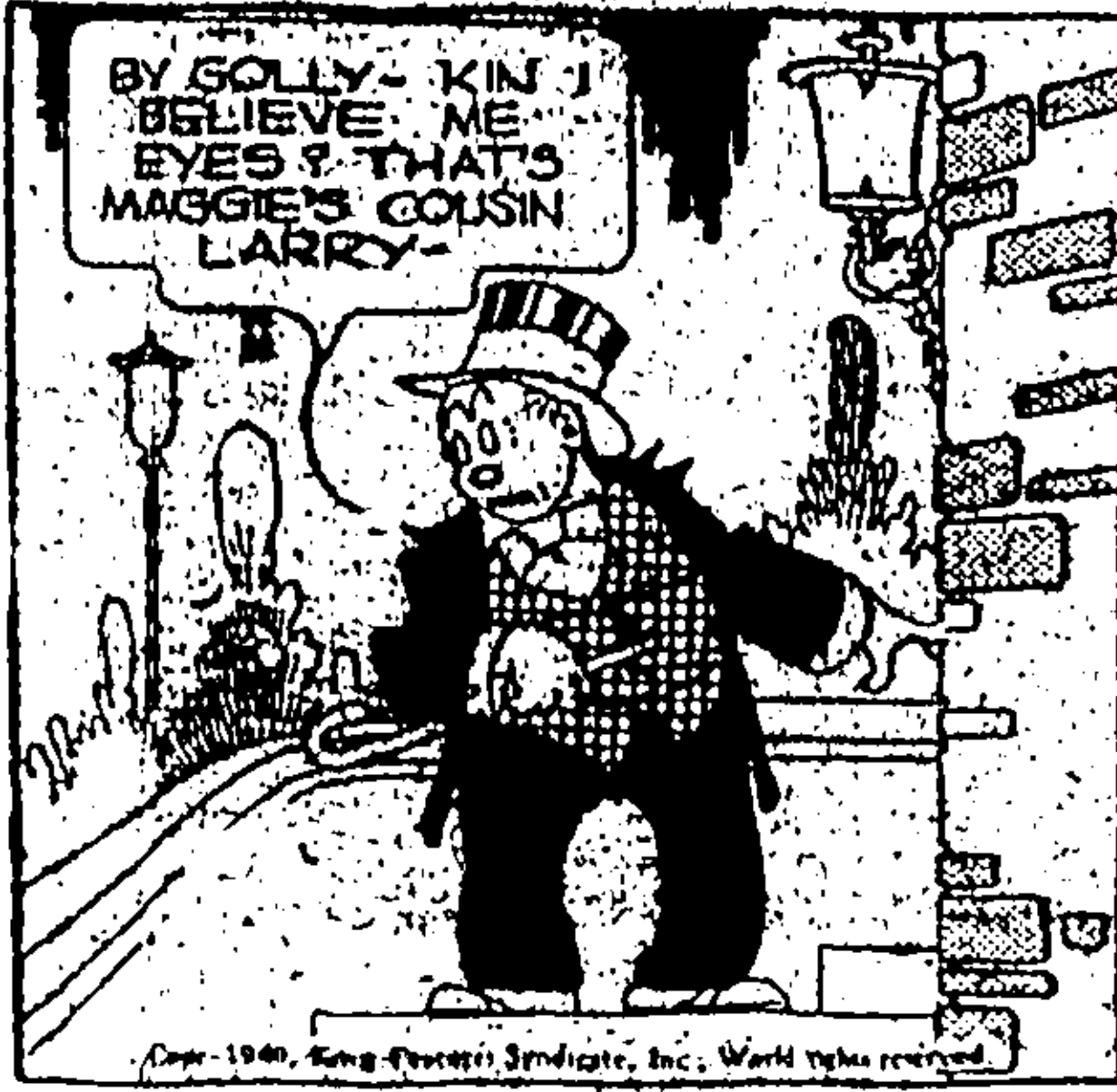
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# One Day Each Month To Self

ONE day out of thirty isn't too much to devote to oneself, whether you are a busy mother, wife or career woman. If you schedule a day, set it aside and do not let anything interfere with your plans, you will be able to attend to all those little personal things which have been cluttering up your mind. And for the rest of the month you will rest more easily.

"That skirt should be shortened." "I must get a new lipstick for day time." "If I ever get time I'll have my hair reshaped and set becomingly." "I simply must not forget to buy a supply of shields." "Every dress in my closet needs going over and pressing—I must do that soon." You are familiar with these half-promises one makes with oneself and they keep coming to mind persistently until you actually take time to do them!

### Embrace Chores Systematically

Every girl and woman should have a little pad and pencil in her dressing table drawer, or her bureau drawer. Every time she thinks of something which should be done, or something to buy, she should make a note. Then on the day of days take out the list and plan how all can be done in the one day.

If you are going shopping begin with a session of grooming. If you feel well and look well you will get through your list quickly. When you return refresh yourself, change your shoes, put on something comfortable and tackle the wardrobe renovating—or at least sort your clothes and resolve to do a bit each day for the next week if there is a lot to do to make them wearable.

It is surprising how much ground you can cover in one day if you are concentrating only on YOU. Your reasoning becomes clear, your energy is high.

If you go to business devote Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning to yourself. If you are a busy housewife finish your morning tasks early and scam before the day gets too old! If you hang around until lunch time, you will never get going—Isn't that the truth?

Poise comes from knowing you



You no longer are of the younger generation if you feel the greatest fun to be had in life is to sit at home one evening after another.



Busy as she is, she always takes time for immaculate grooming and for selection of most becoming clothes.

are nicely groomed and that your clothes fit well and are in good condition. A seam taken in or let out, a skirt shortened, a dress

cleaned, a missing snap replaced, shoe lifts changed, gloves and hose all fresh and mended—give you the satisfied feeling.

## Perfume Advice

### Lighter Mixtures For Young

Show me the woman who is not thrilled with a perfume perfectly suited to her taste and beauty and I will tell you whether she is ill or defeated! For every normal woman adores a lovely fragrance either in a sachet, cologne or perfume. And women for ages past have adored fragrances, and men for ages past have adored women who adored lovely fragrances!

"Perfume, an exquisite, lasting brew, does two things for a woman. It makes her pleased with herself and it greatly adds to her attraction. Even the youngest of children are attracted by a sweet scent and long remember grandma 'who always smelled so nice'—perhaps of lavender, verbera or carnation!

There are numerous brews on the perfume counter so many in fact they are bewildering to a woman who has no definite choice in mind when she shops for one 'to do something for her.'

Good old brews, like good old wines, are expensive and cherished. Make no mistake about that. Newer perfumes make their bow constantly but many of them cannot measure up to the old favourites. Therefore if you are confused about a choice, ask your salesgirl to show you five of the most popular, expensive perfumes. Sniff each and choose the one which pleases you the most. As you are testing your reaction to it buy the smallest quantity you can. Wear it, decide whether you like it and make note if friends say: "How lovely, what perfume are you wearing."

Perfumers have recently been considering the very young females and have introduced several delightful fragrances appropriate for their tender years and fresh beauty. The more potent, heady mixtures are not for young girls, but there are at least fifty lighter essences from which they may choose.

And a word about how perfume should be worn. It is not sufficient to put a drop behind one's ear and expect to radiate an exquisite aroma for hours. No indeed. Perfume must be used generously if you wish it to hang about your person for some time. Too much has been said about "over-perfuming." After all it is difficult to get too much of an exquisite fragrance. If a fragrance is cheap or repulsive then little of it can be too much!

It is rather nice to be consistent about your fragrance radiation. Use one lovely scent on your afternoon clothes and your evening clothes. Use another outdoor perfume for your tailored and sport clothes. If you have the space, keep your dresser things in one closet and your sporty things in another—then the fragrances will not fuse.

Spray around the hems of your dresses, your handkerchiefs, inside your handbags, in your glove drawer or box. Then spray perfumes on your person after your grooming is complete. In back of your ears, on your wrists, in your hair.

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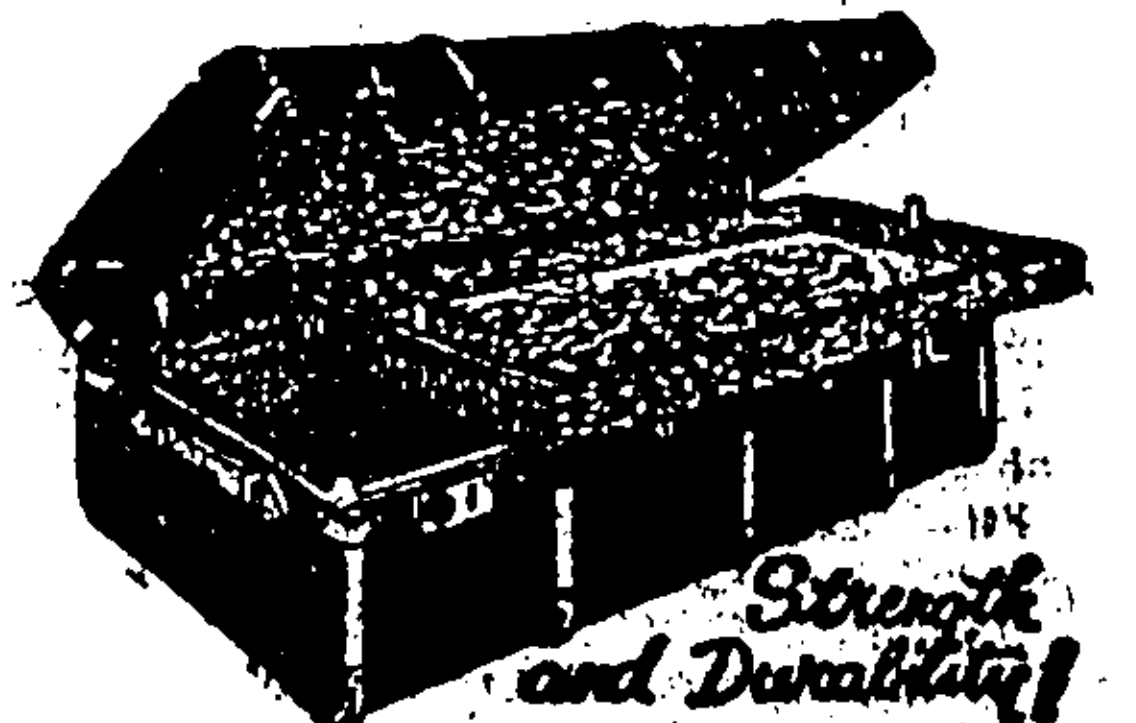
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## THREE BORN IN REFUGEE SHIP

About 300 refugees, mostly women and children, from Gibraltar arrived in London recently by train.

On the voyage three women gave birth to a child. The party were taken in buses to centres arranged by the Ministry of Health for their accommodation. Gibraltar police helped in looking after the party. Many of the refugees consisted of large families, ranging from eight to sixteen.

One of the veterans was Mr. John Ferro, an ex-police inspector in the Gibraltar Force, who brought with him his son, three grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

The children were happy. When some in a railway compartment were asked if they were glad to be here, there was a chorus of "Yes."

A dozen Boy Scouts from the Rock performed their "daily good deed" by doing what they could for the welfare of their fellow passengers who were either ill or too old to look after themselves.

About two thousand refugees came in the ship and they have been coming to London in batches.

They will probably be the last of the refugees to be brought to Britain.

Nearly 8,000 have already been found homes in hotels and many in flats by the Ministry of Health.

In the House of Lords it was stated that there would be about 11,000 refugees altogether from Gibraltar.

## SHE LIVES HER MOTHER'S ROMANCE OVER AGAIN

NINETEEN - YEAR - OLD Violette Bushell's mother, a French girl living in the Somme area in the last war, married a British soldier.

Now Violette has married Etienne Szabo, thirty-year-old soldier in General de Gaulle's Free French army.

## WOMEN TEA SQUAD AID TROOPS

Big event of the day for scores of soldiers stationed in remote parts of Norfolk is the arrival of the "tea squad."

Women volunteers have formed the squad to travel miles along cart tracks and narrow country lanes to the "lost tribes," as they have nicknamed the units, taking to them urns of hot tea and coffee, hot buns and, best of all, their shopping.

Now the tea squad's services have been recognised by the presentation to them of two mobile canteens from the Norfolk War Charities Fund.

Miss Tindall, who is in charge of the tea squad, told a reporter:—

"For weeks at a time the men are unable to leave their positions, and they are completely isolated. Sometimes we give them a real spread in an outhouse or barn when there is one handy. Often we get stuck in a cart rut, or are worn out carrying heavy trays, but the welcome we receive from the men more than makes up for that."

"Sometimes we arrange an entertainment to amuse the soldiers, and once we played them at cricket."

She first saw Etienne sitting in a London park. He looked unhappy and feeling sorry for him, she began to talk. Etienne was delighted to meet someone who could speak French.

She invited Etienne home to meet her parents. Twelve days later he proposed.

Violette, who lives in Burnley Road, Bixton, told a reporter her romance with Etienne, who was a member of the Foreign Legion.

"Etienne had just taken part in a parade of De Gaulle's men on July 14 when we met," she said.

"He's been in the Legion for thirteen years and has seen service in Indo-China, Syria, Morocco and Narvik."

"Once he was wounded in a skirmish with Arabs. He has received several decorations."

Said Mrs. Bushell: "Violette said two months ago that she didn't intend to marry until she was twenty-five. Etienne has certainly made her change her mind very quickly!"

"The soldiers' requests are endless. We do all their shopping, buying them writing paper, soap and cigarettes and so on, post their letters, and even get a telegram to send when it is a wife's birthday or a wedding anniversary."

## CRIPPLE IS THEIR WARDEN

Always the first to reach the public air-raid shelter near his north-western home is Bill Robinson. And he's always the last to go in.

There he stands on his crutches, cheering up the neighbours and telling them to keep calm — for Bill has not had his legs since he was a few months old, when infantile paralysis caused their loss.

And now Bill, who is thirty-four wants to join the Army. He registered "the other day, and it was only for obvious reasons that he told the clerk of his infirmity."

"Don't let that worry you, though," said Bill. "I'm a skilled bootmaker, and if there's nothing else I can do in the Army I can make boots for the men with awkward feet."

Bill has never any trouble in getting about. When he is at home he lays his crutches near the door ready for an emergency, and swings his body in such a way that he can go anywhere except upstairs.

### Played Football

The other day he helped his wife to bring the beds downstairs so that she and their little son would be safer.

When he was at school Bill missed none of the fun.

"You'd be surprised what a fellow can do with a couple of props," he grinned. "I played football with the boys and scored a few goals. Nobody could ever kick me on these shins."

Bill's chief hobby is fishing, and he is a member of a local angling club, but since the war he has been busiest in his job of unofficial warden.

When he goes to the shelter he picks up a big case packed with hot drinks and sandwiches, and there is always a share for any of the neighbours' children. In another bag is a first-aid outfit — just in case.

## FOUND BOMBED HOME HAD BEEN ROBBED

A young woman, climbing through the window of her bomb-wrecked home, found a thief had been there before her.

This was stated at Liverpool Police Court when William Henry Duffield, thirty-nine, barman, was committed to the Assizes on two charges of stealing from houses which had been subjected to enemy attack.

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# Rise Of Anton Christoforidis To Fame In Boxing World

## Biggest Greek Idol Since Londos

ANTON CHRISTOFORIDIS dropped into Cleveland recently long enough to belt out in the second round Jimmy Reeves, a trim Negro, who after establishing a national reputation as an amateur, won 14 of 15 professional matches to earn high ranking among light-heavyweights.

Christoforidis, a handsome and compactly constructed Greek, is a striking example of how good fighters are given the run around by promoters and matchmakers who complain that there is a dearth of worthwhile talent.

Christoforidis has been in the United States a year, yet Reeves was the first "name" performer to give him an appointment.

A couple of preliminaries is all Mike Jacobs has given Christoforidis at Madison Square Garden. The Great Greek Profile stood up there as he has come through elsewhere twice in Chicago and Detroit and now in Cleveland.

He will have to get there the hard way, though he would jump at the chance to do 160 pounds for Ken Overlin, Tony Zale, Billy Soose or Steve Belloise, and would be a suitable opponent for Billy Conn.

### Christoforidis Used To Hard Knocks

Orphaned in the great Smyrna fire, Anton Christoforidis shone shoes, peddled newspapers and held horses for rich Athenians. He broke in fighting in an Athens beer hall at 50 cents a crack. He became a bell hop and he got to Paris.

Although he has had 90 fights on record, there isn't a mark on him, which is something in the way of evidence that he can do something more than swat.

Christoforidis is one of the mighty few Greek fighters. George (K. O.) Brown, the old Chicago middleweight, was one. Phil McGraw, the Detroit lightweight, another.

Greeks usually go in for wrestling. A number of current fistic headlines wish Christoforidis had.

### An International Record

Christoforidis, 23 now and boxing since he was 15, has beaten the best in France, Holland, Belgium, Germany and Northern Africa. He flattened Carmelo Candel and repelled Lou Brouillard in Paris. Candel drew with Marcel Thié and repulsed Teddy Yarosz.

Christoforidis took the middleweight championship of Europe from Bep Van Klaveren in Rotterdam, and ironed out Annett, Belgium's 175-pound leader, in Brussels.

He helled Hitler, whether he liked it or not, and then knocked out Gustav Eder, the German 160-pound titleholder, in Berlin. He lifted the North African crown from Bob Yousef, an Arab, in Algiers.

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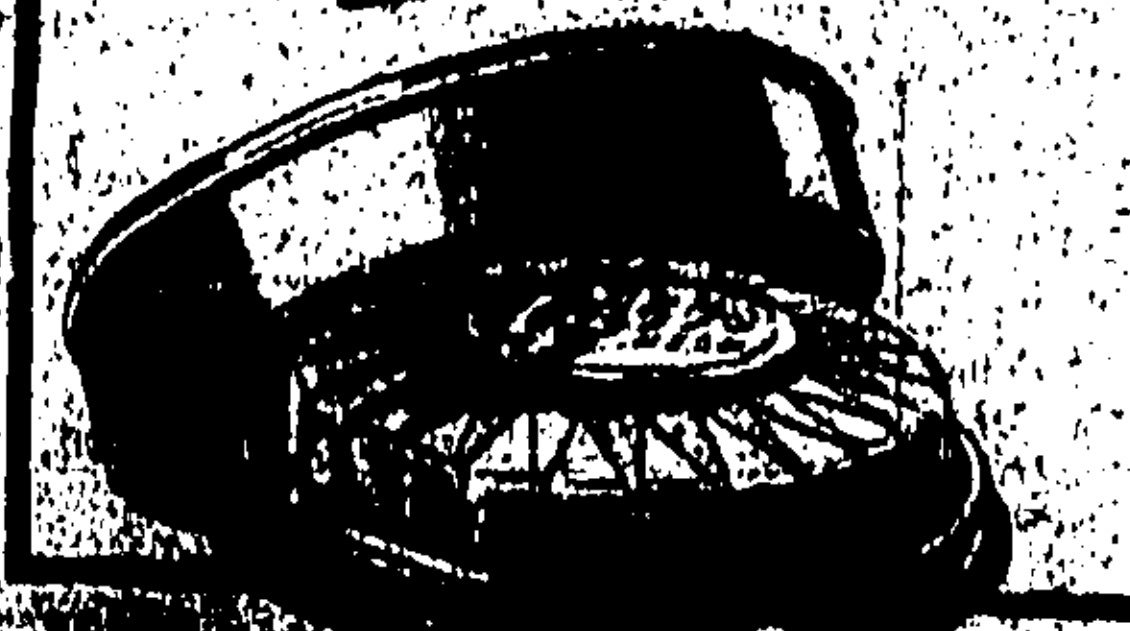
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TO-DAY at Sookunpo the Middlesex are playing the Hong Kong Signal Company in the Small Units Rugby League, and the following will represent the

**Rugby**

Middlesex: Pte. Thompson, L/C. Radley, Bds. Hymas, 2/Lt. F. S. C. Hancock, L/C. Cordery, Capt. C. M. M. Mann, L/C. Moggeridge, L/C. Wilson, Sgt. Bayly, L/C. Heather, Drm. Kilmke, L/C. Pearce, D/M. Holdford, Pte. Berry and Cpl. Gilham. Reserves—L/C. Goddard.

In the top half of the League Royal Scots are leading with 4 points and Middlesex are second with 3 points.

The Engineers have already won in the bottom half of the league, winning all their games with six points.

### LEAGUE TABLES

| "A" Section          |   |   |   |   |     |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
|                      | P | W | D | L | Pts |
| R. Scots             | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4   |
| Middlesex            | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3   |
| 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1   |
| Signals              | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0   |
| R.A.S.C.             | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0   |

| "B" Section           |   |   |   |   |     |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
|                       | P | W | D | L | Pts |
| Engineers             | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6   |
| 5th A.A. Regt.        | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2   |
| R.A.M.C.              | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2   |
| 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A. | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0   |

IN the Hong Kong Hockey tournament on Sunday 5th A.A. Regt. 'B' team lost to A. N. Other XI by 6 goals to 1.

Bigginton scored for the gunners. In a friendly game at King's Park R.A.M.C. defeated Y.M.C.A. juniors by 3 goals to 1, and Punjabs drew with the Y.M.C.A. seniors two-all.

On Sunday at Chatham Road Air Force beat a representative Small Units side in a friendly hockey game.

At the conclusion of the game Lieut. Colonel E. Levett presented Air Force with the Departmental Corps Hockey Shield which they won, by winning all their games in the League.

The final results are as follows:—

|              | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| R.A.S.C.     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.O.C.     | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.M.C.     | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| Signals      | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.F.       | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| C.M.H. W/O   | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.M.C.     | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| Signals      | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.S.C.     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.S.C.     | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.F.       | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| C.M.H.       | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.O.C.     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.M.C. W/O | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.F.       | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |

### Final Positions

|          | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|----------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| R.A.F.   | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10  |
| Signals  | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 8   |
| R.A.M.C. | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 6   |
| C.M.H.   | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4   |
| R.A.O.C. | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2   |
| R.A.S.C. | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0   |

TO-MORROW, at Sookunpo, the Final of the Small Units football competition will take place, with H.Q. Coy. of the Middlesex playing 'D' of the Royal Scots.

This should prove to be a good game, as both teams have a strong side, including many Battalion players.

Middlesex team includes Jackson, Sheehan, Bright, and Pearson of the Battalion first eleven, and Revell of the second eleven.

He was the pugilistic talk of Paris when the war sent him to the United States.

### Biggest Purse Paid Yet

Sidetracked by the more highly publicised boys, \$1,000 is the most Christoforidis has collected for a start on this side. He was paid that sum for knocking out Jimmy Burns in three rounds in Chicago, and for trouncing Tony Bruno on the Yale-Soose show in the same city, where he was stuck down in the preliminaries when he probably could have floored the principals.

He gave the game a shot in the arm in Detroit, where he dropped Joe Sutka 11 times and had George Burnette down three times and out at the finish.

Greeks who have seen Anton Christoforidis have their greatest hero since Jim Londos heyday. "They have a word for him—'Swell!'"

Scots team includes Falconer, of their Battalion first eleven and Auld, and Flemming of their second eleven.

At the conclusion of the game the General Officer Commanding, Major-General A. E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., will present the winners with the Small Units football Cup.

How they reached the final:

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| "D" Coy. Royal Scots:—     | 5-0 |
| beat Signals               | 1-0 |
| beat "A" Coy. Midd'x       | 4-1 |
| beat R.A.F.                | 5-1 |
| beat 24th R.A.             | 3-2 |
| H.Q. Coy. Middlesex:—      | 3-2 |
| beat 40th (F) Coy. R.E.    | 2-1 |
| beat 36th R.A.             | 2-0 |
| beat H.Q. Coy. Royal Scots | 2-0 |

THE following is the draw for the Fourth Round of the Individuals Billiards Championship which will be played to-day.

### Billiards

Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C. v. Pte. Gordon, Royal Scots.  
Sgt. Hamlen, R.A.S.C. v. B.S.M. Rawlings, R.A.  
Pte. Haigh, R.A.S.C. v. S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C.  
Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C. v. L/C. Willis, C.M.P.

Following is the draw for the Fourth Round of the Individual Snooker Championship, to be played on Thursday, December 19.

Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C. v. Lieut. Dixon, R.A.M.C.  
S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C. v. L/C. Willis, C.M.P.  
Pte. Gordon, Royal Scots v. Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C.  
Pte. Myles, Royal Scots or Piper, Milne, Royal Scots v. L/C. Saunders, R.A.O.C.

ON Sunday Command Headquarters Cricket eleven drew with R.A.M.C. at Central British School.

### Cricket

The Medical Corps batted first and declared at 161 runs for seven, and I must congratulate Logan on getting a fine half century.

Command Headquarters replied with 103 for six with Brigadier McLeod carrying his bat to make a fine 46 not out. Capt. Dewar scored 36 runs.

## CHINESE XI FOR SUNDAY'S CHARITY GAMES

Following have been selected to represent the Chinese teams against the Association in the charity matches of Sunday December 23:—

"A" TEAM—Cheung Wing-choy (Sing Tao); Tsang Chung-wan (South China) and Lee Tin-nang (Sing Tao); Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); Hsu King-sing (Eastern) and Ng Kee-cheong (East-En); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern); Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao); Lee Wai-tong (South China) (Capt.); Lai Shiu-wing (Sing Tao) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).  
Reserves—Lee Kwok-kee (Kwong Wah); Kong Shing-king (Eastern); Lee Kwok-wai (South China); Lau Chi-chen (Eastern); Leung Wing-chiu (Sing Tao); Li Wai-lam (R.E.); Lee Tak-kee (South China); Chan Tak-fai (South China); Yeung Shiu-yick (Sing Tao) and C. T. Tso (Eastern).  
Team Manager—Mr. W. Hamming Chen.

"B" TEAM—Lau Hin-hon; Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao) and Tso Kam-hung (South China); Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao); Lam Tak-po (South China) and Lo Wai-kuen (Eastern); Tang Kwong-sum (Sing Tao); Chow Man-chi (South China) (Capt.); Hui Man-fai (Eastern); Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah) and Wong King-cheong (Kwong Wah).

## "Y" BILLIARDS SOCIAL

A Billiards Social Evening will be held in the Y.M.C.A. to-night 7.30 p.m.

The programme will consist of a match against Pry Corps, followed by a Novelty Competition event amongst the members.

Y's team will be selected from the following:—C. T. Ferran, R. Goldman, L. Sykes, C. T. Chappelow, C. Enner, T. G. Stokes, C. H. de Cozer, and H. Kemp.

## WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following is this week-end's Football programme:

**FIRST DIVISION**  
Eastern v. Middlesex (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)  
St. Joseph's v. Royal Scots (St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)  
Kwong Wah v. Kowloon (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)  
Club v. Navy (Club, 4.00 p.m.)

**SECOND DIVISION**  
Ordinance v. Sing Tao (Military, 2.30 p.m.)  
Navy v. Kowloon (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)  
South China v. Middlesex (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)  
Kwong Wah v. Royal Scots (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)  
Club v. Service Corps (Club, 2.30 p.m.)

**THIRD DIVISION**  
Signals v. Air Force (Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)  
35th R.A. v. International (Sookunpo, 2.30 p.m.)  
7th R.A. v. 12th R.A. (Military, 4.00 p.m.)  
Engineers v. 20th R.A. (Sookunpo, 4.00 p.m.)

**FIRST DIVISION**  
South China v. Police (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)  
**SECOND DIVISION**  
Kit Chee v. 30th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)  
Police v. Engineers (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)  
**THIRD DIVISION**  
24th R.A. v. Medicals (Sookunpo, 2.30 p.m.)  
Service Corps v. Shell (Sookunpo, 4.00 p.m.)  
A.S.A. v. 38th R.A. (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

## OFFICIALS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CHARITY MATCHES

Following are the officials for the Christmas week Charity football matches:—

### CHARITY MATCHES

December 22

Combined Chinese "A" v. Rest "A"

(Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)

Referee—Mr. H. Beard.

Linesmen—Messrs. R. M. Omar and J. Silva.

Combined Chinese "B" v. Rest "B"

(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee—Mr. W. Glover.

Linesmen—Messrs. W. Foster and C. Ford.

"SUNDAY HERALD" INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP—SEMI-FINAL

Christmas Day

China (holders) v. Scotland

(Boundary Street, 3.30 p.m.)

Referee—Mr. D. Kossick.

Linesmen—Messrs. H. Beard and A. G. Marie.

Boxing Day

England v. Portugal

(Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.)

Referee—Mr. J. Silva.

Linesmen—Mr. K. K. Ip and Rev. S. Hinchcliffe.

CHARITY MATCH IN AID OF B.W.O.F. AND BOMBER FUND

New Year's Day

Rest v. Combined Chinese

(Sookunpo, 3.45 p.m.)

Referee—Mr. D. M. Mitchell.

Linesmen—Messrs. D. Kossick and W. Glover.

## CHINA'S INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TEAM

Following have been selected to represent China in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Match competition to be played on December 25, at the Boundary Street:—

Cheung Wing-choy (Sing Tao); Tsang Chung-wan (South China) and Lee Tin-sang (Sing Tao); Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); Hsu King-sing (Eastern) and Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern); Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao); Lee Wai-lam (South China) (Capt.); Lai Shiu-wing (Sing Tao) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves—Lau Hin-hon (Eastern); Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao); Tso Kam-hung (South China); Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao); Hui Man-fai (Eastern); Chan Tak-fai (South China); Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah); Lee Shek-yau (South China) and Wong King-cheong (Kwong Wah).

Team Manager—Mr. W. Hamming Chen.



## SUCCESSFUL INSIDE-FORWARD PLAY

## ON HOW TO PLAY SOCCER

By "Referee"

INSIDE-FORWARDS are the big shots of the attack, finishing the work of wing players and the half-backs with goals. Successful inside play is one of manoeuvre, subtle combination, and accurate shooting. A trio of inside players possessing these gifts, and the ability to use them individually and in collaboration with each other, and who also possess a fine turn of speed and physical courage, would be almost invincible in attack.

While it is the inside forward's play to force the main attack and do most of the goal shooting, it must be remembered that he has an obligation also to the defence should it need his help. As a fourth half-back he performs great service during moments of pressure when the defence is being harassed. A successful inside-forward should be able to execute these two functions with equal ability.

It may be said that more natural football craft is required of an inside-forward than from any of the other positions in the team. The inside-forward need not be a big fellow physically, his chief needs are speed, grace, an exceptionally agile body, courage and deftness in the execution of ball work. The inside men have to do all the really clever things with the ball; neat passing, dribbling into position, and with a series of sustained, brainy movements work the ball into shooting position for himself, or one of his colleagues to shoot at goal.

A clever inside-forward's play preserves an illusion of his movements, while his fellows are getting into a better position to score. He draws the defence, either to himself, or to his immediate supporters, and at the right moment does not pass to one of them, as the defence anticipates, but right across, to the alert winger, who, with the defence off guard, runs straight for goal. Or, maybe, he draws the defence to him and with a deft backward pass allows his shadowing half-back to shoot for goal. Two factors animate this movement: by passing back to the half-back he puts the defence in a quandary, and he also gives this player a chance to take a long, oft-times, drop shot which might, even if punched out by the goal-keeper at first attempt, be likely to cause a scrimmage in the goal mouth and result in a snatched goal.

## Adept Passing Essential

The successful inside-forward must be an adept at passing the ball: not an easy matter in first class football, for the defence is very wide-awake in anticipating moves. The pass should be timed, and, if possible, along the ground to within a yard of the waiting player; if to a wing player then far enough ahead of him for the ball to be taken along in his stride with the reasonable chance of his outpacing the back, or half-back, and getting an opportunity to centre the ball for one of the inside trio to shoot at goal.

The inside-forward should be able to judge accurately where his pass is going, and also when to pass to either wing. It is generally anticipated by the opposing defence that the inside player should pass to his immediate outside wing; but on occasions this is not profitable, for the opposing wing-half-back is already watching the move and waiting to break it up.

With the defence thus concentrated on your action, it is well to pass the ball right across to the opposite wing, and thus create a surprise movement with inevitable results. Either the defence rushes towards the other wing, or gets back into line to crowd the goal. In the latter event, the wing player with the ball will bring it back across the field to the opposite wing and thus get the defence into a worse tangle. This movement executed rightly often ends in a goal coming eventually from one of the half-backs standing in scoring position behind the crowded defence.

A first-class inside-forward should be a dead shot with either foot, and able to shoot from any angle. His shots, too, should possess force and be along the ground mostly, or rising towards the opposite end of the goal from the keeper.

He must never forget that, however brilliant a player, he is in mid-field; it is goals that give a team points, and position in the League. Inside-forwards are at times apt to overdo the fancy



work of dribbling and short passing, but unless this work leads to goals, cut it out. There is just as much clever play in the open game, hard fought, and with plenty of intrigue and clever scheming to outwit the defence.

## Ball Control Hall Mark Of Artist

In modern football ball-control is the hall-mark of the artist. It is also a vital essential to the inside-forward, who is relied upon by the rest of the team to get goals. Ball-control requires self-control, and over-excitement in front of goal when about to shoot is not only fatal, but it spoils the combination work of the other players who have helped lead up to the chance of scoring. Often good movements are utterly spoiled by an inside player being over-anxious to score. Had he kept his normal mental balance, steadied himself, and directed his shot, a goal might have been the result. An inside player who becomes flustered in front of goal will never weld into a successful attack.

The inside-forward is always tempted to work individually, especially if he possesses ability above the average for dribbling and forceful play. This is well if he sees an opening, where, in a flash of judgment, coming usually from long experience and practice, he knows will pay the whole team. But individual work in a successful forward line is rarely ever seen to-day. Combination is the art of forward play. The individual has little chance nowadays with the defences made up of the finest and speediest players. It is preferable to rely upon team play and subtle combination than upon an individual effort with only a small chance of success.

Lastly, an inside-forward has to be constantly aware of his responsibility to the team. Upon him, more than upon the other players, because goals only count in winning matches, rests ultimate victory. Therefore, in spite of the buffetings he must inevitably take from the defence of his opponents, he has to be persistent, always in attack, and for the whole game have his eyes on the goal, and his head planning numerous moves enabling himself, or his immediate colleagues, to head for goal... and score!

This is the third of a series of four articles, the last of which will be published when space permits.

## UNIVERSITY GYMNASTICS

The first Annual gymnastic and drill display by members of the Hong Kong University Union will be given at the Yee Tong-sen Gymnasium on Saturday, at 7 p.m.



## HANDICAP WEIGHTS FOR KWANTI

Following are the handicap weights for the Fanling Hunt and Race Club meeting to be held at Kwanti on Boxing Day:

Race No. 1—1 1/2 miles (Hurdle):—Cape Comorin (160), Clowner (165), Low-Jones (160), Eye of Dancing (160), Gretter (160), March Brown (165), Mortmain (160), Saturday Night (late Prince Charming) (160), Soldier of China (160), The Baboon (160), Three Farthings (160), Trinkies (late Morning Glory) (160) and Zero (160).

Race No. 2—1/2 mile (Flat):—Arabian Cat (160), Gallant Marshal (158), Gold Eagle (152), High Tower (145), King's Envoy (153), Lucky Eleven (151), National Honour (144), National Liberty (158), Old Fashioned (140), Sunshine Suse (144) and Wild Bear (140).

Race No. 3—1 1/2 miles (Steeplechase):—Bingo (155), Blyenburg (149), Colorado Star (152), Glorious Star (162), Kiola (140), Sea Urchin (162), Spectrum (152) and Teviotdale (165).

Race No. 4—7 Furlongs (Flat):—Amber II (155), Circe (155), Colorado Star (135), Dick Turpin (140), Forehand Drive (135), Heinz (138), Lovely Kid (135), Quick Despatch (165), Rising Star (155), Roofly (145), Ruby Star (162), Schmetterling (135), Sea Urchin (135), Surprise Again (148) and Tarzan (148).

Race No. 5—7 Furlongs (Flat):—Bistre (140), Chatterbox (148), Clowner (165), Double Chance (151), Emergency Call (144), Eve of Peace (158), Jack O'Lantern (138), King's Worthy (144), National Success (140), Palmer (140), Phoenix (160), Piet Hein (150), Royal Highness (148), Sylvandale (168), The Leopard (152), The Tigress (140) and Wilber (157).

Race No. 6—1/2 mile (Flat):—Ascot Vale (161), Cape Comorin (152), Desert Star (155), Dow-Jones (140), Geordie (142), Heddon (145), Lancashire Chap (155), Plain View (145), Radium Star (160) and Zero (161).

## ADAMSON CUP GOLF RESULT

Low scoring featured the December qualifying round of the Adamson Cup Competition at Happy Valley during the week-end, when S. T. Butlin returned a card of 76-12 (64) to qualify. Other scores were G. W. Reeve 80-13 (93) and J. W. MacDonald 76-7 (69).

The Bogey (Par) Pool at Fanling was won by G. T. Harrington (2) who ended four up. The first round matches in the G. M. Young Inter-Hong Cup resulted as follows:

Gibb Livingstone received a bye; Butterfield and Swire beat Dodwell and Co.; Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation beat Standard-Vacuum Oil Co.; Chartered Bank beat Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd.

## ARTILLERY POLO CUP

Four teams will compete for the Royal Artillery Polo Cup, the first round of which will be played at Boundary Street to-morrow at 4.30 p.m.

Islanders will be represented by Major Hunt, Col. Way, Lieut. Lewis and J. K. Bousfield who will meet Middlesex composed of Capt. T. W. Chaffey, Capt. W. H. Charley, Lieut. Hancock and Lieut. Fishbourne.

The other teams are the Topkhammas, (Capt. Munro, Major Trevor, Major Duncan and Lieut. Feilden), and the Stooges, (Major Penfold, Capt. Atkinson, Major Fisher and Lieut. B. R. Smith).

## EMPIRE BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Taking what may seem an extremely long view, the National Sporting Club, looking to the future of boxing, intends to hold a tournament for the British Empire boxing championships at the end of the war.

John Harding, the N.S.C. manager, stated recently that competitions would be held of all weights, adding, "a similar tournament was held at the end of the last war."

Serge Major Mead won the Aggregate Prize at Royal Scots' annual rifle meet at the Kowloon City Range last week. In the Inter-Company competition, Mr. G. Goy carried off the majority of the prizes. At the conclusion of the meet on Friday, Lt. Col. J. D. Macdonald, M.C., Officer Commanding, distributed the awards.

## CHINESE "Y" WIN EASILY

Playing at home, Chinese Y.M.C.A. lost to University in the A Division of the Badminton League last night by 7-2.

C. Au and F. Koh (Y.M.C.A.): lost to K. H. Choy and C. K. Lee 7-21

lost to P. H. Hon and H. F. Chew 19-21

beat P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim 21-9

P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Y.M.C.A.):

lost to Choy and Leo 9-21

beat Hon and Chew 21-13

lost to Bun and Lim 18-21

H. Koh and T. C. Lau (Y.M.C.A.):

lost to Choy and Lee 12-21

lost to Hon and Chew 16-21

lost to Bun and Lim 16-21

## TO-MORROW'S HOCKEY MATCH

The postponed match between Royal Corps of Signals and the Destroyers in the Hockey Association Tournament will be played off to-morrow at the Navy Ground, King's Park, bully-off, at 2.30 o'clock.

The following team will represent Signals:—L/Cpl. Truscott; Sigm. Harrington, L/Cpl. Holland; L/Cpl. Rumford, Cpl. Germain, Col. Blount; L/Cpl. Dignan, Sigm. Price, Cpl. Husbard, Cpl. Spare and Sigm. Cogbill.

## YACHTING RESULTS

The Ladies Sweepstake race held by the Yacht Club over 7.4 miles yesterday resulted:

|                       |         |   |
|-----------------------|---------|---|
| Gull                  | 4.53.31 | 1 |
| (Miss B. M. Richards) |         |   |
| Redshank              | 4.57.41 | 2 |
| (Miss P. Pritchard)   |         |   |
| Madreen               | 4.59.07 | 3 |
| (Miss De Chaffoy)     |         |   |
| Typronechai           | 4.05.52 | 4 |
| (Mrs. W. Whitaker)    |         |   |
| Artemis               | 4.06.37 | 5 |
| (Mrs. H. Potter)      |         |   |

CRUISER CHAMPIONSHIP  
The third cruiser championship over 26 miles on Sunday.

|                                |         |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Division I                     |         |         |
| Morena                         | 6.38.28 | 6.38.28 |
| (P. M. Sedgwick)               |         |         |
| Yehonala                       | 7.19.31 | 7.40.52 |
| (G. W. Behrman)                |         |         |
| La Cigale I                    | 7.44.41 | 7.44.41 |
| (N. V. A. Croucher)            |         |         |
| Did not finish.—Dannat, Azuma. |         |         |
| Division II                    |         |         |

Did not finish.—Cormorant, Eyclene, Sealark, Wah Kong, U. and I.

Four Tonners  
Did not finish.—Typhoon, Cutty, Sai Long, Tern, Curlew.

## SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following is Sunday's Tournament Hockey programme:

|              |   |                  |
|--------------|---|------------------|
| Gunboats     | v | A. N. Other "XI" |
| 5th A.A. "B" | v | Police "A"       |
| University   | v | C.B.A.           |
| Engineers    | v | Recreo           |
| Kumaons      | v | Destroyers       |
| Sigma's      | v | Police "B"       |
| Khalisa      | v | 2nd M.T.B.       |



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# CASH INSTEAD OF LOANS

## Mrs. Roosevelt Makes Recommendation To U.S.

### BRITAIN REQUESTS FINANCIAL AID

Britain has formally requested financial assistance from the United States, it was learned from a high official source, who refused to be quoted, in Washington yesterday.

The amount and exact nature of the request would not be disclosed but it is hinted it could not be defined as an application for a "loan."—Reuter.

### COAL GAS 'PLANE EXPERIMENT

The Italian air force is experimenting with coal gas as driving power for aeroplanes.

The Stefani agency said yesterday that the experiments are being carried out at an aerodrome near Milan.

A Breda plane, fitted with an 85 horse-power motor, was adapted for the use of coal gas, and the agency states that it took off easily and rose to a height of 150 feet.—Reuter.

## Britain Having To Pay For U.S. "Aid"

**OUTRIGHT CASH GIFTS TO BRITAIN RATHER THAN LOANS WERE ADVOCATED BY MRS. ROOSEVELT, WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.**

Asked where such a gift would come from, she replied "From the Government," adding: "Ultimately they would come from the pockets of you and me."

## PEARL RIVER LATEST

THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES AT CANTON HAVE CONSIDERABLY MODIFIED THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON PASSENGERS TRAVELLING FROM HONG KONG TO CANTON, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED THIS MORNING.

The number of passengers allowed has been increased from 100 to 300 and the quarantine period in Canton reduced from four days to 24 hours.

The O.S.K. motor-vessel "Siragone Maru" arrives in Hong Kong to-day and will sail for Canton to-morrow, with accommodation for special, first and second class passengers only.

The s.s. Fatshan, has not yet resumed service and this morning it was learned that no schedule had yet been fixed by Butterfield and Swire, the agents.

Mrs. Roosevelt continued: "A certain number of people are under the impression that we are giving aid to England but we must face the reality. We are being paid."

"Gifts would be less likely to involve the United States in war than loans."

"Sending supplies to Britain has been helpful to the United States in that it has helped to stimulate industry in the interests of United States national defence."

"We do not see there must be reason to talk about loans. We should not make the mistakes we made last time."

Mrs. Roosevelt nodded when she was asked if she meant that these loans were not repaid.—Reuter.

## U.S. TO SELL 24 SHIPS

The United States Maritime Commission announced yesterday that 24 laid up merchant ships will be offered for sale on January 7.

It is expected a bid will be made by the British Purchasing Commission.

The ships to be sold range from some just under 8,000 tons to the 23,000-ton George Washington, which was formerly a German vessel.

Terms of sale provide for transfer of the ships to foreign flags provided this is done within six months.—Reuter.

## SABOTAGE IN SYRIA

THE NOMINATION OF GENERAL DENTZ AS FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SYRIA AND LEBANON HAS CAUSED SOME RESTLESSNESS IN THESE TERRITORIES, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION REACHING THE FREE FRENCH NEWS AGENCY IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Sabotage on railways and in factories is reported while despite the severe censorship, General de Gaulle's latest appeal was distributed throughout Syria and Lebanon.

It is also noteworthy, according to the Free French Agency, that the present restlessness coincides with the recasting of the administrative services in the mandated territory.—Reuter.

## CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

Enterprise in industrial sections on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was lacking, otherwise conditions were cheerful. Gilt-edged, Indian, Egyptian, Portuguese and Greek bonds registered fuller gains, while oils continued in favour, though a little profit-taking occasionally reduced earlier advances. Kaffirs, after early local support, finished a little irregular. Home industrial generally were quiet. Wall Street was quietly irregular.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

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# BIG ITALIAN FORCE ENCIRCLED AT SOLLUM

## Desperate Fight For Hell-Fire Pass

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## British Mobile Units Sweeping Over Libyan Frontier

**MARSHAL GRAZIANI'S TROOPS ARE STRONGLY ENTRENCHED AT SOLLUM, WHICH IS JUST INSIDE EGYPT, AND BRITISH FORCES HAVE ENCIRCLED THEM, AND ARE SWEEPING ON ACROSS THE LIBYAN FRONTIER, IT WAS STATED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT.**

Meanwhile the R.A.F. continues to hammer the enemy's bases, including Bardia, which may be the next objective of the Army of the Nile.

Reuter's special correspondent with the Army recounts a vivid story told him of a trip of five days across the Western Desert by a band of picked Australian cameramen trying to catch up with the Imperial troops.

The story was told by Captain Frank Hurley, official cameraman with the Australian forces in the Near East, who has made a complete film record of the offensive. Capt. Hurley, who acted as official photographer in France in the last war and made five trips to the South Pole with Shackleton and Mawson, described how, after driving 40 miles, they found a camp full of some 2,000 miserable Libyan prisoners guarded by a score of Tommies.

### Moved On

A sergeant-major was watering the prisoners in batches of 20 from a disused Roman well cut in solid rock.

Capt. Hurley described Nibelwa camp as an unforgettable sight, silent as the grave. Everybody had moved on except two British Tommies, left in charge of British tanks damaged in action.

Italian dead lay all around, their bodies caked in dust. Capt. Hurley counted 38 Italian

tanks — some smashed, others abandoned undamaged. Stray mules and dogs were prowling round a dump of ammunition and stores.

### Italian Prisoners

Near Nibelwa the party came across another camp holding at least 7,000 or 8,000 Italian prisoners, sitting in groups, laughing and smoking.

Capt. Hurley described the

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## DANUBE TO BE CLOSED

Main route for the supply of Rumanian petrol and other commodities to Germany will be closed, owing to the presence of ice in the Danube.

The Yugoslav River Navigation Control Organisation yesterday ordered the suspension of all navigation on the river as from to-day, says a Belgrade message to London newspapers.

All Yugoslav Danube steamers are being withdrawn and will tie up for the winter, and it is expected that other Danubian countries will follow suit in the next few days. — Reuter.

## SHOT DOWN SIX CR42'S IN FIFTEEN MINUTES

**HOW A BRITISH PILOT, flying an eight-gunned fighter over the Western Desert, brought down six Italian CR 42's in a quarter of an hour, is told in his report, issued in London yesterday.**

Flying 12,000 feet up somewhere between Bardia and Sollum, he saw six Bredas 65 escorted by five CR 42's flying two at one level and three lower down.

Diving to the attack he fired bursts at the two high Italians and saw their machines turn over and the pilots bale out. Carrying on the dive to the lower three he got bursts into the leader and the starboard aircraft, the pilots of which also took to parachutes. The fifth and last of the escort was overtaken later and shared a similar fate.

As soon as this victim was dropped the British pilot found himself attacked by three other CR 42's.

Report continued: "I put everything forward and touched 400 m.p.h. and got away."

My dive brought me down to 3,000 feet over Sollum Bay. There I saw two more CR's making their way homewards. The leader saw me manoeuvring and they parted.

### Nearly Suffocated

Both the leader and I stalled-turned and we faced each other head on.

I don't think he had much ammunition as I saw only small bursts of incendiaries pass me. I held my burst to a very short distance and just managed to clear him. Turning back I saw him going down vertically.

The pilot's excitement was not yet over for three more CR 42's attacked him and bullets from their guns pierced the glycol tank — an integral part of the liquid engine cooling system — and he was all but suffocated by the fumes.

Fortunately the Italians broke off the chase on being fired at by A.A. guns and the pilot managed to land safely being picked up by British reconnaissance troops.

The next day he rejoined his squadron and once more started flying against the enemy — British Wireless.

## ANATOLIA FLOODS

**Widespread floods have caused serious damage in Anatolia.**

Torrential rains have swollen the Simay and Henife rivers which have again inundated districts which were flooded last year.

Low-lying regions in the province of Smyrna are also under water.

So far no casualties are reported but the damage is large. Snowstorms and bitter cold were reported throughout Turkey yesterday. — Reuter.

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# TWO LONG RAIDS ON BERLIN

Kiel, Frankfurt-On-Main And Bremen Also Attacked

## Targets In Capital Systematically Bombed In Force

"AN ATTACK ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT TARGETS IN THE BERLIN AREA, INCLUDING RAILWAYS, FACTORIES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES," WAS MENTIONED IN AN R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE YESTERDAY DESCRIBING SUNDAY NIGHT'S ACTIVITIES.

Smaller forces of the R.A.F. bombed the inland port of Frankfurt-on-Main and neighbouring targets, while the Kiel shipyards and Bremen were also attacked.

The communique adds that during the course of the operations R.A.F. bombers observed two enemy merchant vessels off the French coast and attacked, scoring direct hits on both. No British aircraft are missing.

Amplifying the communique, the Air Ministry news service says that railway communications, munition factories and power plants were attacked by British heavy bombers which were over Berlin on Sunday night and the early hours of Monday morning.

The first of our bombers reached Berlin just before 9 p.m. Despite cloud, some of the pilots in the early raids found what they were seeking immediately while others had to make their way to alternative targets. Nevertheless our pilots recognised and attacked several factories and railway targets.

### Second Series

Next series of raids began at 3 a.m. and lasted well over an hour. The weather was then much better and visibility excellent.

Power stations, railway junctions and godyards were now the chief objectives. A stick of heavy high explosive bombs fell right in the centre of a railway junction and immediately started fires which were still increasing as our aircraft left. At another junction, where some of the heaviest bombs were dropped, there were bursts all along the sidings.

### Cloud Of Smoke

A great cloud of black smoke rose high in the air while debris was flung even higher by the explosions.

Two large fires were started at one power station. Smaller forces of bombers attacked the west harbour at Frankfurt, where there is a great collection of warehouses, factories, grain elevators and oil plants, for well over two hours. The free port of Bremen was also attacked.—Reuter.

### Tantalising Moon

Right across Germany the sky had been clear but when within four miles of Berlin pilots came into cloud which thickened as they flew over the city.

During these early raids some pilots were tantalised by a bright moon which seemed to be waiting to light up the ground for them if only the clouds would part at the right moment.

The bulletin proceeds: "Despite these obstacles our pilots recognised and attacked several factories and railway targets.—British Wireless.

### R.A.F. OFFICER A PRISONER

Pilot-Officer Leslie Frederick Gregory, is a prisoner of war in Italy, it was announced in Rome, says Reuter.

## STEFANI GIVES IT A WEEK

"The battle in Libya will last for another week," announced Stefani, the official Italian agency, yesterday.

"Italian troops, with those in reserve, are enough to meet the situation," it went on—apparently in reply to speculation as to whether or not Italy would risk sending reinforcements there.

Stefani also praises the British—who only a short while ago were "decadent" and "on the verge of collapse"—and says:—

"We are proud to fight against such imposing forces of the British Empire."—Reuter.

## LLOYD GEORGE VISITS NO. 10

MR. LLOYD GEORGE CALLED ON MR. CHURCHILL AT 10, DOWNING STREET, YESTERDAY.

He remained with the Prime Minister for some time.—Reuter.

## FALL OF TEPELINI NOW REGARDED AS IMMINENT

Another Italian general has been taken by the Greeks in the fighting in Albania.

An Athens report yesterday said that a general, a colonel and other officers had been taken prisoner or fell in battle during the capture of a height in the southern sector. Another height of strategic importance was also taken.

## EXCUSES PROVIDED IN ADVANCE

"The greatest colonial battle in history," is how "Giornale d'Italia" yesterday described the military operations in North Africa.

Significantly emphasising British strength in North Africa, the newspaper declared: "The British Command has launched in battle 300,000 men from the four corners of the Empire and 800 armoured cars and tanks."

It adds: "With such powerful means the most powerful Empire in the world believes it can render hors-de-combat one of the peoples of the Axis."

"Events in the next few days will prove this is an erroneous calculation."

The Greeks are maintaining pressure at all other points and are attacking with violence.

Many prisoners are being taken, together with considerable quantities of war materials.

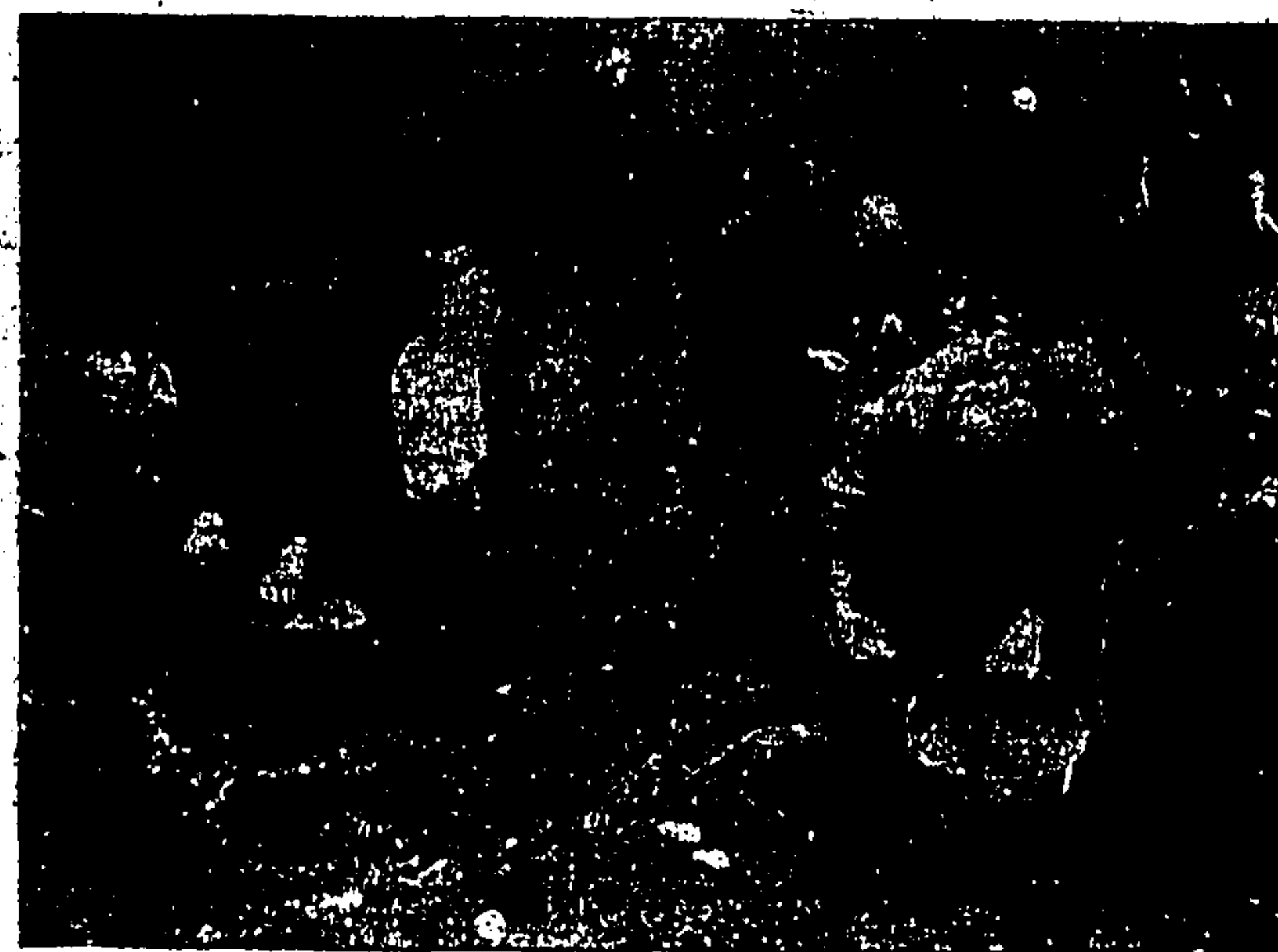
One report from the front says that reinforcements from Italy are being flung straight into battle without preliminary organisation—a possible indication of Italian weakening.

The Italians are finding it increasingly difficult to make full use of the port of Valona, which is being raided incessantly by the R.A.F. Much damage is reported to have been caused and the supply problem is causing the Italians grave anxiety.

A further Greek advance toward Tepelini is reported, and the fall of this important town is now regarded as imminent.

The Greeks are moving to outflank the Italian line of defence in this sector.—Reuter.

Replied to a question by an American journalist, who spoke of the advantages to Britain of a separate peace with Italy, "Giornale d'Italia" declared: "Italy is unshakably at its fighting post and won't withdraw."—Reuter.



Members of the Benedictine Community at Prinknash Monastery near Gloucester, have ploughed up thirty acres of land and are now busy harvesting the potato crop. Photo shows the monks collecting potatoes. (Copyright, Fox).

## BLINDED, HE LANDED 'PLANE NO RESPECT FOR ALLY

AN R.A.F. PILOT WHO HAD FLOWN FOUR MACHINES IN A DAY AND BROUGHT DOWN FOUR GERMAN'S WAS WOUNDED IN THE EYE BY A BULLET.

He hovered over his aerodrome and asked permission to bale out. This was granted.

But thinking that some one else could use the machine if he were unable to do so, he made a perfect landing.

And then he fell unconscious from the plane.

Air-Marshal Sir Arthur S. Barratt told this story during a talk with aircraft workers in a south-east area.

GERMAN SOLDIERS IN BRUSSELS SALUTE BELGIAN RESERVE OFFICERS RETURNING FROM PRISON CAMPS BUT DO NOT SALUTE ITALIAN AIR FORCE OFFICERS. ACCORDING TO THE FREE BELGIAN NEWS AGENCY IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Although Belgian prisoners of war are now being released their return is taking a long time.

The agency also reports that food shops in Belgium are closed owing to the shortage of supplies and it is believed local authorities will have to undertake the distribution of primary foodstuffs.—Reuter.

Colonel William J. Donovan has arrived in Britain by air from Lisbon and is in London.—Reuter.

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# CHAPLIN BURLESQUE ON THE PAINS NAZIS

Charlie Chaplin's film "The Dictator," which is now amusing audiences in London, has annoyed the Germans.

"Deutschlandsender," the German radio station, yesterday told the German people that "Charlie Chaplin's hate-propaganda film will hardly be able to bolster up Churchill's bad mood with its silly jokes."

Mr. Churchill's annoyance, says the Nazi radio, is "likely to be greater than his ability to be entertained" by his "flat-footed friend's" jokes.

Mr. Churchill's "black mood" was supposed to have come on through shipping losses. The German Radio gave an exaggerated account of shipping losses, and made no reference at all to British and Greek victories.

This is in accordance with the new Nazi propaganda decision. Now that the Axis plan in the Balkans and Egypt have been torn to tatters, the German people are again being told that the war will only be won in Britain.

## House Of Cards

The newspaper "Frankfurter Zeitung" even referred yesterday to the possibility of an Italian collapse like a house of cards.

The German paper expresses the hope that Italy will resist, but offers no prospect of German assistance except to say that the Reich will relieve Italy by constant attacks on Britain.

This is in startling contrast with an article the previous day in the "Völkische Beobachter," which maintained that there was no cause for anxiety and poured scorn on the assumption that Germany will leave Italy in the lurch.

This confusion of propaganda is taken in London as a clear indication of the confusion of policy caused by the failure of plans to drive into the Near East with Italian collaboration, together with Germany's inability to help Italy without involving both Axis partners in difficulties and risks they do not want to face.—Reuter.

## WHEN FIRE-BOMBS FELL ON CONVENT

Sister's Narrow Escape

Although Sister Daniels got up at 6 a.m., as usual, in her cell in a Liverpool convent and went to Mass, there were two good reasons why nobody would have been surprised if she hadn't.

Only a few hours earlier a fire-bomb, crashing through the convent roof, had fallen within a few yards of the bed in which she was sleeping.

Sister Daniels is 400 years old. She only woke up when firemen ran into the convent to deal with a salvo of bombs. Even then she lay in bed and watched them stamp out the flames.

When a reporter spoke to her in the afternoon, workmen were still burning out bomb cases on the kitchen table. She halted in her knitting to watch them, then said, "What was the use of worrying? The firemen knew what to do."

Warehouses, a cinema, a laundry and two churches were hit during the raid on Merseyside. But there were no serious casualties.

## SNATCH GAS MASKS

Gas mask snatchers—thieves who cut respirator straps from business girls' shoulders in raid rush hours—are setting London's police a problem.

To save carrying both a gas mask and handbag, many girls carry their money in mask cases.

They should beware of the snatcher.

He is to be found slinking round tube train entrances or busy bus stops watching for likely victims.

A large number of cases where young women have been robbed of their hard-earned wages on their way home have been reported to the police and plain clothes men have been detailed to keep a look-out for the snatchers.

Brown handbags are another new menace.

This meanest type of petty thieving goes on where whole families leave their homes to spend the night in public shelters.

Thieves break into deserted homes and steal anything from tea rations to jewellery.

## MACHINE-GUNNING OF BOYS

SAVAGE MACHINE-GUN ATTACKS ON BRITAIN WERE CARRIED OUT BY GERMAN PLANES YESTERDAY.

Their "targets" included an East Coast light ship, a town in East Anglia, a railway train, and boys cycling to school.

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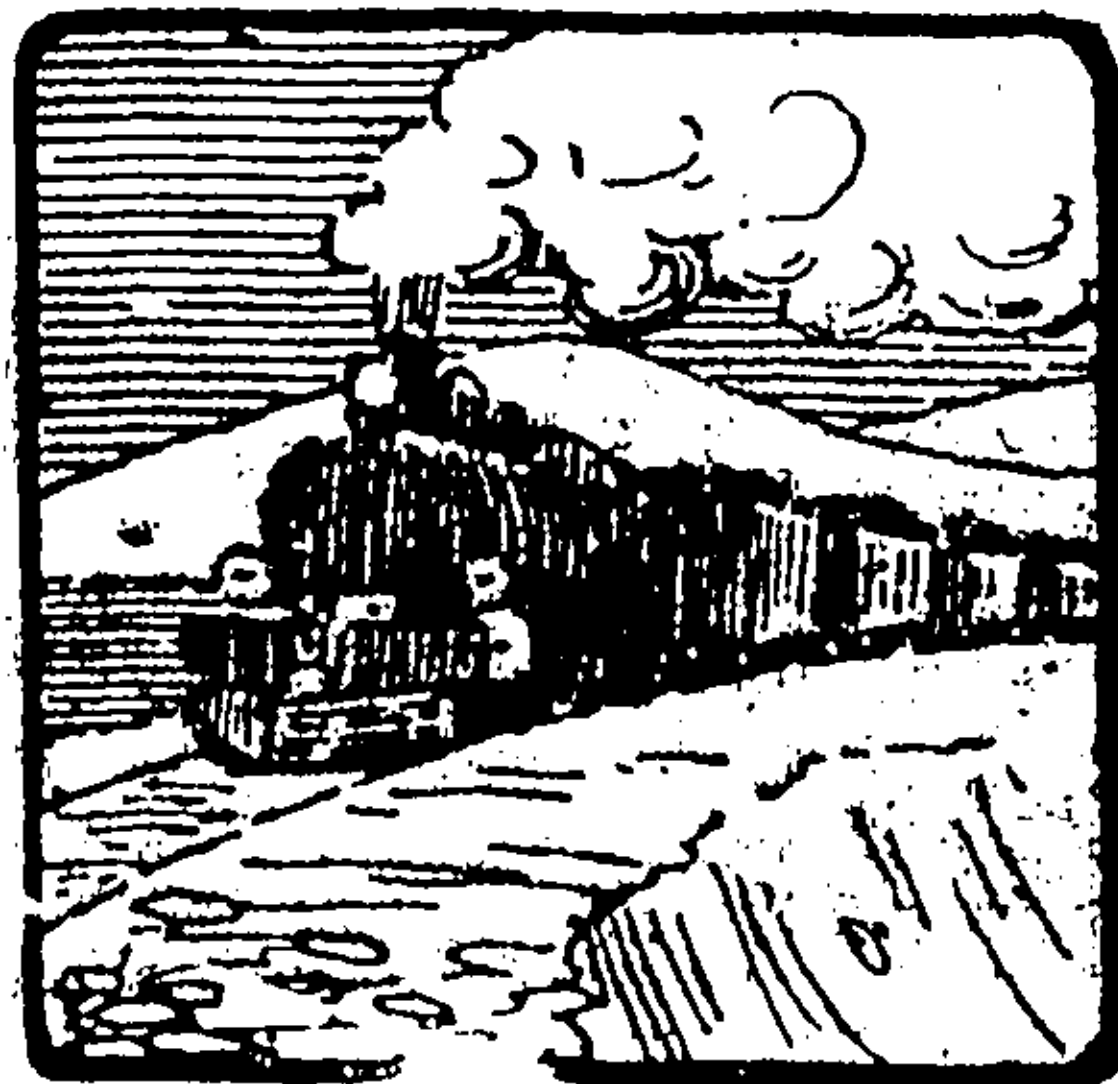
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TASK FOR DOMINIONS  
IN THE WAR EFFORT

**BROADCASTING** in the overseas transmission from London last night, Mr. George Gibson, immediate past Chairman of the Trade Union Congress, spoke of the great work done and to be done by British working people and told those in the Dominions how best they could help in the war effort.

The staggering blow of the French collapse and the consequent British evacuation of Belgium, Mr. Gibson said, resulted in the loss of practically all the Expeditionary Force's war equipment and it became necessary to start afresh.

LOVE IS  
NEVER  
TOO OLD

"When you're in love age has no meaning," said twenty-eight-year-old Private Wilfred Clifford Harding after his marriage to a woman who is older than his mother.

The new Mrs. Harding, formerly Mrs. Ada Samson, a widow, of Kinnerton Street, Knightsbridge, London, S.W., is fifty-three.

When the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. C. P. Harding, of Wilton Road, Shirley, Southampton, heard of the wedding, she told a reporter: "It is no business of mine. He can do as he pleases."

In spite of this, the couple had a quiet wedding at Caxton Hall. Only a few friends attended.

"I have known many young girls in my time," Private Harding said after the ceremony, "and could have married one of them long ago, but I found them empty, silly creatures that are not to be trusted."

"Now I have come across my 'Mrs. Right'—she may be older than me, but that does not count."

The newly-wedded couple are to have no honeymoon. Private Harding has to be back on duty.

"I am going back to fight like hell," he said. "I am going to help win the war for her, and when it's over I shall come back and make her the happiest woman in the world."

Mrs. Harding was busy planning how she would keep house on the Army allowance.

THE XMAS  
JOINT

Every effort is being made by the authorities to ensure an adequate supply of "Christmas joints."

Although many families will be separated, and many more will have members working on war production there is every expectation that people will celebrate as festively as possible.

The Food Ministry stated yesterday that road and rail transport operatives, with the help of dockers, are overcoming considerable difficulties from total warfare, their task having been rendered both difficult and dangerous by the black-out—British Wireless.

SABOTAGE  
IN SYRIA

THE NOMINATION OF GENERAL DENTZ AS FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SYRIA AND LEBANON HAS CAUSED SOME RESTLESSNESS IN THESE TERRITORIES, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION REACHING THE FREE FRENCH NEWS AGENCY IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Sabotage on railways and in factories is reported while despite the severe censorship, General de Gaulle's latest appeal was distributed throughout Syria and Lebanon.

It is also noteworthy, according

The task was a colossal one—the invasion threat to meet, lost material to replace, the Air Force to be expanded at lightning speed, the Navy to be strengthened. In order to speed up production more workers had to be trained.

"I tell you frankly, looking back upon those dark anxious months, that we accomplished miracles of improvisation and intensive work."

It is not a thing to boast about. One's feeling is one of profound thankfulness that we were able to do what we have done in so short a space of time with such thoroughness and without resort to methods of compulsion and coercion. It wasn't done by dictatorship.

## Assured Victory

That period of intensive activity, Mr. Gibson said, proved the capacity of the British people, tested their methods of government and invented almost on the spur of the moment the apparatus of industrial management and social and economic administration which assured Britain's ultimate victory.

"Gradually our efforts at home, in combination with the response of the overseas Dominions and assisted by the United States, have enabled us to prepare for passing from a purely defensive policy to a general offensive in all theatres of war."

Realising everything they struggled for was at stake in this momentous contest the British Trade Unions were prepared to sacrifice their rights and privileges until the war was won.

Mr. Gibson said of course air raids interfered with production but the British blows on the German war industry were heavier than Nazi blows on British.

"From now on the weight of our blows will grow heavier and heavier and the internal problems of the Dictators will become more and more acute."

Every boxer knows you cannot hope to win victories without taking a hiding now and again.

## "Taking It"

"We have had our share of 'taking it' and while we must anticipate further vigorous attacks we face the future with confidence. From now on we shall be handing it out as well as taking it."

That is where the overseas Dominions and friends can best assist.

Your towns are beyond the reach of the bombing aeroplanes. Your communications remain uninterrupted. Your factories can work a 24-hour day. Your workers can sleep in bed at nights.

If you will apply yourselves to the production of implements of war and the provision of shipping tonnage for transport then, with the growth and development of the Dominions' war potential in men and weapons, with the continued practical goodwill of the United States and the increasing flow of supplies from that great industrial reservoir, we derive deepening confidence that we shall eventually pin down and destroy these enemies of humanity as personified by Mussolini and Hitler." — British Wireless.

to the Free French Agency, that the present restlessness coincides with the receding of the administrative services in the mandated territory. — Reuter.

COLD WAVE  
HITS PEIPING

Peiping has been in the grip of a cold snap accompanied by blinding snowfalls since yesterday morning. The mercury has dropped four degrees below freezing point. — Central News.

STRANGE  
CONTRASTS  
IN LONDON

A letter received recently from a censor in England describes the strange situation in London with, on the one hand, people going about their business as usual, completely ignoring air-raids, and on the other hand the huge bomb craters and ruins in parts of the city. Activity on the Thames goes on as before the war, barges and ships unloading cargo at numerous wharves in the port.

Extracts from the letter follow:

"You could get on a bus and travel for two or three hours from end to end of London, and see nothing more abnormal than the ordinary come and go. A taxi driver and five job fare, with a couple of hours to spare would give you a 'tour of the ruins' such as Cromwell may have dreamt about."

"Top of Ludgate Hill this morning on the west front of St. Paul's they are peacefully feeding the pigeons and strolling about in the sunshine. Round the other side half a minute walk and you see the fire-fighters pouring water by the thousand gallon on to Cheapside approaches to Friday Street and Watling Street and a misty maze of smoke and steam right down past Bow Bells. A real picture, a sinister picture when you go down the side streets and see tired, pale, grimy features of firemen snatching a few minutes' sleep."

"On my way through across London Bridge from the Southwark side the same old barges loaded down to water level were taking their turns to be disembowelled by the giant cranes along the wharves and the tugs were chugging along taking others to their embankments."

## Huge Crater

"Just over, right in front of the Fire Monument was a crater of about 15 ft. diameter and just heaps of dust and brick and plaster where buildings used to adjoin the District Railway Station."

"Only a stone's throw down the street was the usual jam of lorries and handcarts, and round Billingsgate market the crowd of fishmongers not in the least interested about last night's crash and fireworks. 'Gay and grim?' I should say so, some of the bachelors round Fish Street Hill would go on bargaining although gates of hell were open next door."

"Over Westminster Bridge, everything intact except a wing of St. Thomas Hospital and that looks as though Nelson Wise, the homebreaker, had almost completed the demolition sort of his day's work. It will take that house painter, shiklegribber (Hilfer) years to do the damage he dreams of. Satan must be named of the bungler."





## THIS FREEDOM

A high constitutional authority has said that the most important hour in any Legislative Assembly in the world is question time in the House of Commons. There we have daily the Grand Inquest of the Nation on which in the simplest way Parliament performs its memorial function of listening to complaints and redressing grievances. If one asks why the proceedings of Congress do not interest the American public in anything like the same degree that those of the British Parliament do the British people, a large part of the answer is that owing to the differences in constitutional practice, the American Congress lacks this contact with the daily life of the people. The reports of question-time in the House of Commons since the war began, show conclusively that in protecting British constitutional liberties, the survival of this feature has alone been of high value.

A Free Parliament and a Free Press remaining in active existence, though submitting voluntarily to the necessary discipline of war, are now the chief outward and visible signs that we present to the world of our faith in liberty and democracy. That they should remain in being and command a high measure of public respect is the main guarantee of the pledge which the Prime Minister authorised Sir Archibald Sinclair to broadcast that it was the policy of Government "to preserve in all essentials a free Parliament and a free Press; that all those emergency measures which restrict the liberty of the subject shall disappear with the passing of the emergency, and that the new offences created by regulations under the Emergency Powers Act and the extraordinary powers entrusted to the Executive will vanish with the advent of victory and peace."

There is a gloomy speculation which represents democracy as helplessly caught in a trap by war. Either, it is argued, it will be defeated in war or destroy itself in winning a war. The Prime Minister shows the way out of this supposed impasse. If Parliament permitted itself to be extinguished in war, to be silenced or fall into desuetude on the order of the Executive, the recovery of its liberties at the end of the war would be a slow and painful, perhaps impossible, task for a long period to come. But Parliament which has pre-

It was a starlit night, and not a breath of wind was stirring, was the scream of a small child. I was awakened by a scream. It

I thought at first he was having a nightmare, then, as I became fully awake, I realised that his scream was accompanied by a louder, wilder scream outside; the banshee wail of the air-raid siren going over the dark countryside.

Doors opened in the lonely old house. Voices called and whispered. Glow-worm pools of torchlight on landings showed women struggling into overcoats or pulling flannel trousers over pyjamas.

In the nursery, a boy of three sat in his cot trembling and bewildered, asking what the horrible sound was.

He was told that it was a beautiful new chu-chu with a lot of red carriages, and that appeared to satisfy him.

With the pathetic readiness of a child to be deceived by those he trusts, he calmed down and was wrapped in a blanket and carried into the night, across the paved terrace into a hole in the hill-side.

I felt admiration for the courage and the ingenuity of women.

## A Lovely Game

"Isn't it a lovely game, darling?" I heard one say, as dark forms flitted like ghosts in the starlight. "Yes," said the child doubtfully. The hideous wail of the siren had died away to be succeeded by an intense stillness. Yes; I could hear, high up, the hum of aircraft.

It was humiliating to think that, up there near the stars, some impulse, or even a sudden jolt, might cause the finger of a young German to press the bomb-release at the precise moment when the curve of descent would land his cargo of death on this dear and harmless home.

I felt anger rising: blast Hitler, and blast the German people who love such gods.

A dog frisked round me, leaping and whimpering with pleasure, thinking what a good sport I was to get up in the middle of the night.

A voice called to me from the hill:

"Whatever are you doing? Have you switched off the light?"

## Tasty Sausage

No; I hadn't. I turned to the dark and empty house, now looking utterly doomed, as if it had

By H.V. Morton

only a moment to live, and, by the light of my torch, went to the kitchen and flung over the switches.

I opened a cupboard and saw some cold sausages on a plate. I began to eat one.

The clock said it was fifteen minutes past two. The sausage tasted very good.

Suddenly, I felt my hand jerk up, and the sausage missed its way to my mouth, as an explosion shook the windows: a sound like a gigantic load of coal being un-tipped.

I felt alone and afraid. Why was I lingering about like this? I must get away.

With nerves stretched to meet another explosion, which I felt must come at any moment I went swiftly through the house, out into the pale starlight and across to the dug-out in the hill.

The bank rose, dark and shaggy. Thin stems of foxgloves leaned out of long grass and nettles.

As I drew near, a strange and improbable sound came out of the earth; and I was reminded of Irish fairy-tales: I heard a thin merry tinkle of music from the hill, and the sound of singing:—

Ba, ba black sheep,  
Have you any wool?  
Yes sir, yes sir,  
Three bags full.

I entered the dug-out and saw a sight which might have met the eyes of an early Christian in the Catacombs.

In the long, narrow, tomb-like place, my household sat round the child. Upon the floor stood an old nursery gramophone, from whose reluctant vitals proceeded the hearty voice of Uncle Mack of Children's Hour.

My God, what a children's hour!

"Be careful what you say," I was warned. "He's forgotten the s-i-r-c-n."

"Was that a b-o-m-b or a g-u-n?" someone asked me, spelling the words, so that the child should not seize on them and associate them with fear.

"It was a b-o-m-b," I spelt back.

"Surely those were G-e-r-m-a-n planes—the high up ones—as we came in?"

"Yes! they were G-e-r-m-a-n."

"Noise! Noise!" said the child suspiciously, remembering again the ogre-like scream of the siren; and we flung ourselves into an ecstasy of normality in order to chase his little mind away from the boundaries of reality, knowing that so young and small a thing had no right to trespass into our bloody world.

"Now let's play pat-a-cake!" said someone with a firm, astringent voice, and soon the clammy catacomb echoed to the clapping of hands.

"Isn't it a lovely dug-out?"

"Yes; a lovely dug-out," agreed the child with wide blue eyes. "Lovely dug-out!"

## Dear Old Thunder

"Gosh! That was near!"

The earth shook.

"Only thunder," said the child happily.

"Yes, of course, only thunder... dear, funny old thunder," we replied. And we looked at each other, knowing that death was casually roaming about overhead, near the stars.

It is the casualness of death from the air that is so infuriating. You do not kill even blackbeetles by dropping a flat-iron on them.

"Civilisation, 1940," I thought, would be a grand title for us, as we sat in the morgue-like tomb.

When I looked out, I saw the lovely light of a new day trembling in the east. The grass was turning green again, and the fields were gold with wheat or white with barley.

The fantasy of that night seemed dispelled. We were like people who had been living under an evil spell, now broken by the welling upward of a new day.

And, even as I looked, there came the sound of the "all clear," and I went inside and told them.

The child was asleep. We carried him to the house and slid him into his cot; and then went back to bed.

In the morning, or rather later in the morning, we learned that "some damage had been done to farm buildings," and that the "loss of life was negligible."

Whose farm, we wondered, and whose negligible life?

## Why Bachelors Stay That Way

Between the ages of 20 and 27 man is most susceptible. He'll plunge in headlong, eyes blind. But after 27, scepticism sets in along with "Reasonable Hours" and the bachelor goes into hibernation. He becomes as shy of marriage as buying a new hat—WHY?

AFTER 27 the male begins to use his head, and it will take an expert indeed to beat down his panicky ideas.

Bank manager or on-the-dole, all bachelors have fixed obsessions of the worst things that can happen to them.

LOSING HIS FRIENDS... At bachelor dinners the bridegroom is always spoken of in the past tense. "What a good fellow he used to be!" "Didn't we have fun in the old days?" All this, of course, is a good joke, but it firmly fixes in a bachelor's mind that the bridegroom will never see his friends again and that marriage is as final as going to war.

WRONG CHOICE... A bachelor can't make up his mind on any one girl. The girls he couldn't live without ten years ago have changed so much that now he wouldn't be caught out with them. He squirms at his narrow escape. How does he know that to-day's choice may not be to-morrow's mistake. He may be drawn between a young girl with slender charms, or a dowager with a fat bank account. He's afraid that either choice may be a wrong one so he doesn't choose.

MARRYING A BRIDGE CLUB... is a big proposition. Will he come home every evening to find a bevy of women in complete occupation of his living-room like the Soviets in Poland?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HIS POSSESSIONS? The bachelor collects all sorts of junk under the general heading of hobbies and souvenirs: Class pictures, whisky

served the essentials of freedom and used its powers in such a way as to carry the support and respect of the public will be irresistible when it demands the restoration of its liberties.

bottles, old magazines are all a part of his precious sanctum sanctorum. With the invasion of a woman, man sees all these cherished belongings whisked into the hall closet for "safe keeping," to be replaced in prompt order by glass gadgets, white lamp-shades, and fluff nothings.

HIS WIFE LETTING HERSELF GO... as soon as she is safely and securely married, wearing the same old hair-do in spite of any new styles that might come along, and making his marriage as dated as a 1929 car.

HAVING TWINS IN THE FAMILY... may be a feat which would make him understandably proud, but the prospect of a family of four on his hands after the first year makes him doubly cautious. He sees the serenity of his home upset by a long series of howls, food formulas; diapers, clothes lines, clothes pins, and warming milk bottles.

HIS SAVINGS GO UP IN SMOKE... and disappear like Free Lunch in Scotland with the money he's been saving for fishing rods, vacations, golf clubs, and old age. They vanish overnight into brown linoleum, a gas stove and a three-piece suite.

BEING FOUND OUT... is one of the most unfortunate moments in a love affair or marriage. When the little lady stops cooing about really "understanding him" and begins seeing through his alibis it's a sure sign she has his number. It's a plain signal that he's no longer the dashing Don Juan of courtship days, but the plodding John Smith of marriage days.

PROPOSING... at all terrifies a man. He never suffers more agonised suspense as during the few minutes when he is waiting for a girl's answer to a proposal she has been waiting for years for him to make.

HIS PRIVATE THOUGHTS... become an open book when a curious little lady begins prodding him with questions and poking into his mental corners. He sees himself punching a time clock for even his most intimate thoughts and unimportant activities. He

likes to keep at least some things to himself. That's why he joins Secret Societies and hides in his club. They give a man something to keep to himself (besides his pipe).

RUNNING A BOARDING HOUSE... for his wife's relatives is a formidable thought for any bachelor who may be barely used to keeping one room under control. A mother-in-law may drop in for tea and stay for the winter—and spend it prying with bird-like curiosity into closets and dusty corners. A brother-in-law, hoping to be set up in business, parks himself on them until he "gets on his own feet." The thought of coming home every evening to an elongated table of hungry relatives is a scary prospect to a bachelor who may be as brave as a lion at his office or the Grand Sachem at the lodge.

A MEAL TICKET... He's "heard that" women plan marriage like going to market to buy a cabbage. He's scared he'll be the cabbage that some woman sizes up to see if he can feed the family.

A PUNCTURED EGO... frightens bachelors thinking of marriage. Very often a bachelor thinks of himself as a Tyrone Power and his success with the lady of his choice due to no less than his irresistible charm. It would shock him to death to really find out that his success was not so much due to his charms as the fact that the little lady was just beginning to question the desirability of a lifetime behind file cases anyway.

HAVING SOMEONE TO TALK TO INCESSANTLY... He wonders if he can think of something interesting to say to a woman every day of his life—or if they will just sit and stare at each other.

BEING DOMINATED... is the most common marital fear of all bachelors. If keeps more men away from the altar than locked church doors. The bachelor is afraid the sweet little feminine whisp might become a little dictator overnight, partition his cherished belongings and wage mechanised war with a vacuum cleaner on everything he wanted left alone. He sees himself as a minority, relegated to a den from

which he would be conscripted to fill in at bridge or negotiate a non-aggression pact with the outraged cook.

THE FINANCIAL SWEEPSTAKES... saw a bachelor. He seems as a race run between hackled husbands to see who can afford the longest automobile, the biggest front lawn and the most expensive fur coat.

BEING TIED DOWN... promptly puts away in mothballs all the Errol Flynn adventures most bachelors plan to have. He's scared to death of designing females in ruffles, and taffeta who talk about regular meals and an anchorage. He's more scared of a "homebody" than a dozen rattlesnakes and thinks of marriage as making his life's adventures no more than a series of leaks in the roof and furnace trouble.

AN ARMY OF CREDITORS... swooping down on his doorstep to attach his furniture is a regular bachelor's nightmare. As a bachelor he just manages to keep out of debt, but married he'd feel as unbalanced as the Federal budget in election year.

A SUDDEN METAMORPHOSIS... of the lady of his dreams. He's afraid that the soignée woman who made his heart stop beating might change into the kind of frumpy fright he's seen laying down the law to a bewildered husband.

TURNING INTO A BUTLER... for some young lady who, once married, will relax and fully expect to coast through life on a wave of luxury. He sees himself donning an apron and cooking his breakfast, airing the dog and dashing off to the office to make the wherewithal to meet the bill.

HIS WIFE BEING SMARTER THAN HE... might turn out to be the case. Man is afraid to play second fiddle to a woman. Suppose after marriage she continued to be Miss Jones, Head of the Staff, earning more than he; while his salary just takes care of the gas bill. Or suppose she were the up-and-coming president of the local garden club—while he still believed that the Hardy Asters were the new next-door neighbours, and the peonies, the workers of Mexico.

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# TRAINS DEFY AIR RAIDS FOR GRUMBLERS

(By A Special Correspondent)

A WARNING comes from the signal box, shooting stars of death flash in the night sky, the roar of the barrage and the bombs sounds above the rattle of the train, the driver cuts down speed. But the train goes on.

The passengers grumble as the train settles down to fifteen miles an hour, complain of another late arrival, grouse at the discomforts of train travel. Yet the train goes on.

Driver and fireman peer into the darkness from their cab, their responsibility increased a thousandfold as they keep at it through air raids, never knowing when some new bomb crater may open under their wheels.

This is the story of what befell three of these unsung heroes, the firemen, the drivers and the guards of the trains that get through.

### 9 Hours 5 Raids

In a nine-hour run from south to north-west England, a packed express had run the gauntlet of five raids.

Twenty miles from home, it steamed into another "blitz" area. Right in front of him, the driver could see the flashes of gunfire, flames from fires lit up the sky, the drone of raiders could be heard over the noise from the engine.

At a wayside station, the driver was signalled to stop. A porter shouted, "You can pull into the siding and wait if you like."

The driver shook his head. "I'll make a run for it," he answered. "I've got to get these people through if I can."

A few minutes later the train suddenly swayed and lurched crazily.

"It was just as if we'd run on to the sea," the driver said afterwards. "I glanced over my shoulder and could see the whole train heeling over like a boat in a storm."

"For one ghastly moment, I thought the train was going over, but it righted itself, and almost immediately afterwards we were firm again."

"My fireman and I got out to investigate. We walked back and found that a bomb had landed right alongside the track."

"The dirt foundation to the track had been scooped away, but the lines were intact across the gap, and miraculously had held our weight."

"We fixed detonators to the line to warn other traffic, and went on."

"The only thanks we got when we reached our destination were the usual grouses from passengers because the train was late. If only they knew!"

Not only do the railmen face imminent danger without a murmur. They work long hours, often as many as sixteen in a stretch, go without meals and are frequently called from their beds to run special relief trains.

They are "doing their bit" in hazardous conditions without complaint.

## ARMED SPY CAUGHT AT STATION

A German spy has been caught in a Scottish town on his way to London.

Detectives had been looking all day for the man, who was known to be in the town.

They found him at the railway station a few minutes before the London train was due to leave.

Hundreds of people on the platform were unaware that the first Nazi spy to be caught in Scotland since war was declared had been trapped.

He was questioned but refused to give any information and was taken to a police station.

When searched, he was found to possess a revolver, a passport, ration coupons (believed forged), and a bottle of aspirin tablets bearing the label of a chemist in Berlin.

The man, who was between 25 and 30 years of age, was taken to London under armed guard.

## ENGLAND AT WAR

There is a short news film showing at the Queen's to-day everyone should see.

It shows something that ought to have been shown long ago, and that is the undamaged parts of London. The Nazis do all they can to suggest that London is in ruins and news cameramen normally have to concentrate on bombed areas because the rest is not news.

The result has been a slight loss of perspective. London has suffered—in parts severely—but here is a film to remind us how—ever briefly that in relation to the whole, the damage to the Empire's capital is insignificant. For every house or office wrecked, hundreds still stand untouched and life goes on.

The film in question contains in addition other interesting shots; and it concludes with a moving record of the King's speech from Buckingham Palace during an air raid. Most of us heard this speech on the radio; on the screen its effect is heightened by impressive use of background material. While the King speaks the camera records the courage and the suffering of the common folk whom he praised. The whole thing is beautifully done—this, you say, is England at war.

## SHE HAD TO TEND HIS KILLERS

AS SHE TENDED wounded German airmen, a V.A.D. commandant heard that the place where her husband was working had been heavily bombed. She tried to phone him, was told that it was impossible to phone the spot.

The woman, Mrs. Hilda Young, returned to the Nazi airmen, who were in a Sussex institution. She knew that if her husband were dead, these were some of the raiders who had killed him.

Without flinching, she calmly worked on, then went home.

Relatives told her that her husband had been killed by a bomb in the raid.

The master of the institution paid a tribute to the bravery of Mrs. Young.

### "She Guessed"

"When she heard that the place at which her husband was working had been bombed, and learned that there was no telephonic communication, Mrs. Young seemed to have a premonition that he was dead," he told a reporter.

"She walked away pale, but with a steely expression on her face and her head held high. She was biting her lower lip hard."

"Everyone guessed what had happened, but we were all amazed at her courage."

"She just went on with her work of tending the German airmen. She must have known that some of them were among those who had bombed her husband's place."

"The ordeal of the bombing during which the horses carried on earlier in the afternoon was bad enough, but she faced this terrible news like a heroine."

"Mr. and Mrs. Young had one son, a boy, aged four. Her husband's friend was killed with him, by the bomb."

## BAN ON NAZI PAPER

The current issue of "Das Reich," Germany's important political weekly, has been seized by police and prohibited in Switzerland owing to attacks against Switzerland embodied in the leading article, letters to the editor, and an article by Dr. Schaffner, representative of the so-called Swiss National Movement. The Reich's campaign arose from the recent storm in a teacup connected with President Pilet-Golaz's action in granting an audience to Swiss Frontists, which resulted in a protest campaign throughout the country.

## THREE BROTHERS ALDERMEN

A municipal record was established at Bath when Councillor W. F. Long was made an alderman and joined his brothers, Mr. C. H. Long and Mr. G. J. Long, who are Aldermen.

## BAD LUCK BRINGER FOR HIRE

"At liberty—first class pink, original fly-in-the-ointment, hard-luck dispenser par excellence."

This advertisement was inserted in the "New York Herald-Tribune" by Mr. Stefan de Bandrowski, a Polish painter, whose luck is so bad that he wants to hire it out for a living—the one occupation in which he feels bound to succeed.

"Everything I do is not goes," Mr. Bandrowski explained to a reporter in his home in one of the smallest rooms in New York City.

Everything Mr. Bandrowski enjoys eating gives him indigestion. He should wear glasses, but is always dropping and breaking them. If he attempts to wear a watch, he drops it, and always on the cement, so it breaks good."

"Now if somebody would like not to see Roosevelt win, I will vote for him. He will lose bad," he said. "Maybe a baseball team would hire me. I bet on their opponents and it is a sure loss."

Mr. Churchill might consider employing Mr. Bandrowski against Hitler.





She writes books in praise of spinsterhood; he is a doctor who hates all career women. But in Columbia's "The Doctor Takes A Wife," co-stars Loretta Young and Ray Milland are forced to pretend they are married and, eventually, they discover that the title of her book, "Marriage Ain't Measles," is singularly apt! Reginald Gardiner, Gail Patrick, Edmund Gwenn and Georges Metaxa are others in the cast of the King's Theatre attraction.

## GIRL BURIED FOUR DAYS, FOUND ALIVE

A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD girl buried beneath the debris of three houses demolished by a high-explosive bomb in South-West London was discovered four days later to be alive.

The girl, Mildred Castillo, is the daughter of a doctor who was out on an air-raid case when the bomb razed his house to the ground. When he returned home and saw his house wrecked he collapsed and has since died.

Four days afterwards, George Woodward, leader of a rescue and demolition squad which had been removing bricks and timber from the mass of debris, heard cries.

He and two others of the squad volunteered to tunnel through the wreckage. Through a small crack they saw Mildred.

### Handed Her Tea

They talked to her and passed her cups of tea while working frantically under a heap of rubble that at any moment might have collapsed on them.

It was evening before they carried Mildred to a waiting ambulance, alive, and, in the words of the doctor in charge, "in very good condition." She was taken to hospital.

The bomb, which fell on a row of houses, cut three of them out as cleanly as if they had been carved away with a giant knife.

The bodies of victims were removed earlier. All hope of finding anyone alive had been given up.

### Light Still On

Yet in Mildred's miracle cellar an electric light bulb still burned.

On the one wall still standing three wall mirrors, unscathed, can be seen from the street. Two fixture hanging cupboards, the doors torn away, expose to view a woman's wardrobe and an Army officer's uniforms.

There is scarcely a speck of dust on the woman's dresses, and the buttons of the uniforms shine as brightly as if they had just been polished.

## BOMB GIVES FREE LUNCH TO HOMELESS

THOUSANDS OF POOR, HOMELESS AIR-RAID VICTIMS HAD A FREE LUNCH IN AN EAST LONDON AREA THANKS TO A BOMB WHICH DAMAGED THE ELECTRIC POWER PLANT OF A LARGE MEAT FACTORY.

With the plant out of order, the factory manager found he had five tons of meat lying spare.

He sought, and was granted, permission of the Ministry of Food to use it, together with the firm's large stock of vegetables. And so giant cauldrons of stews were made for the victims of Nazi frightfulness.

## CHILD BURIED IN DEBRIS

## THOUGHT IT WAS A GAME

At 9.40 at night, in South-East London, Mr. Rogers, his wife and sister were playing cards while their children, Gordon, aged 5, and June, aged 2, were sleeping.

"Suddenly there was a terrific crash," Mr. Rogers told a reporter. "We shielded our heads with our hands, and when I looked up I saw that the back of the shelter had been flung 50 yards away, and that I was sitting on the edge of a huge crater.

### Nowhere To Be Seen

"My wife, sister and Gordon ran out of the front entrance, but June, the baby, was nowhere to be seen."

With his bare hands Mr. Rogers dug into the earth and debris, when suddenly he heard a laugh.

"It was June, buried five feet underground, with a lump of concrete on top of her," Mr. Rogers added. "When I took her out, she just said, 'Don't play so rough, daddy.' She thought it was all a game, and still does."

For the rest of the night the family slept in a neighbour's shelter, except for Mr. Rogers' sister, who was taken to hospital with slight injuries.

### Killed While Asleep

Nearby two people who were asleep in their bedrooms were killed by another bomb.

Another bomb hit a costumier's shop in the same district for the second time in two days. No one was injured.

## WOMEN FEARED DRUNK TOMMY

How a soldier got drunk and then began stopping passers-by demanding to see their identity cards, was described at Bristol when Henry John Egan was fined 5s. for being drunk and disorderly.

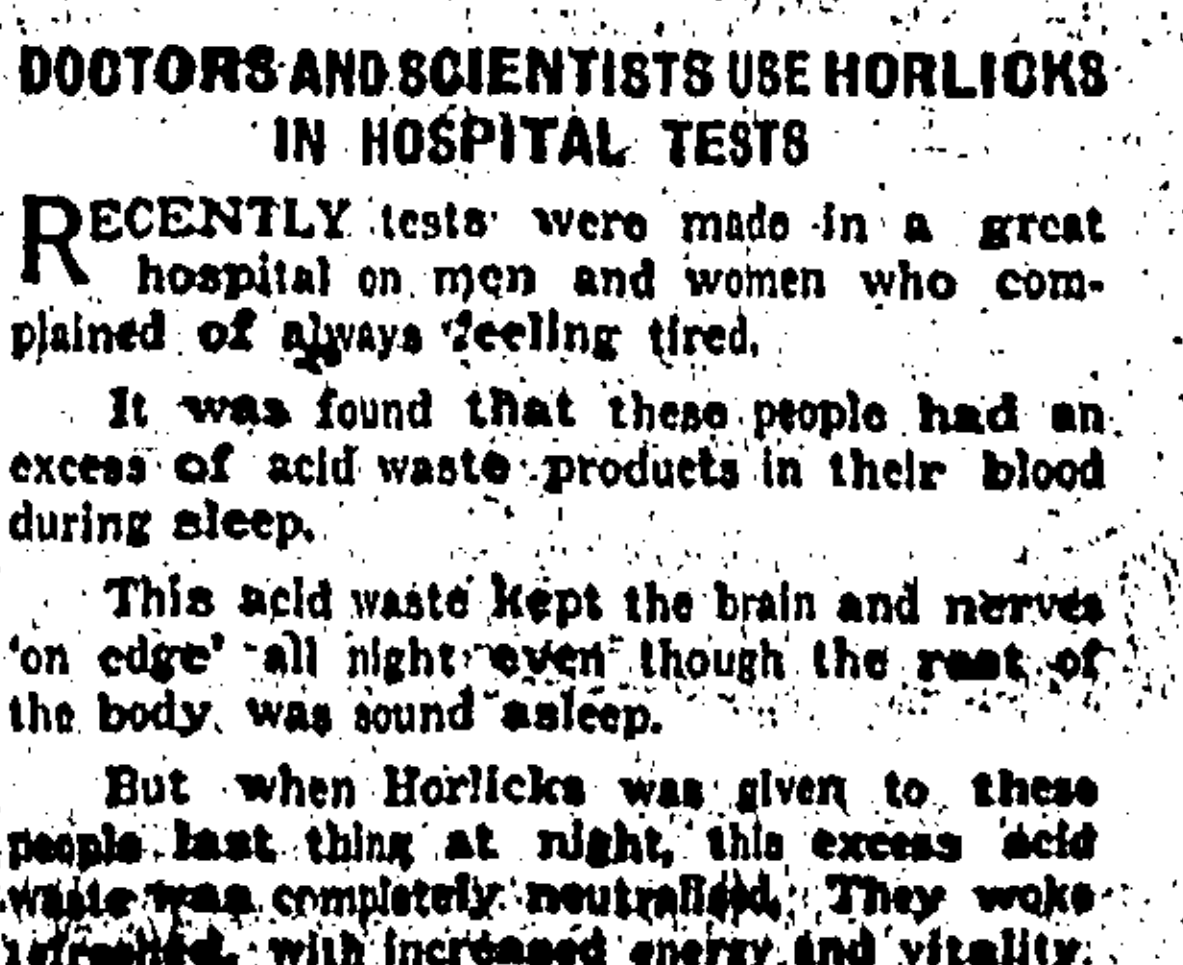
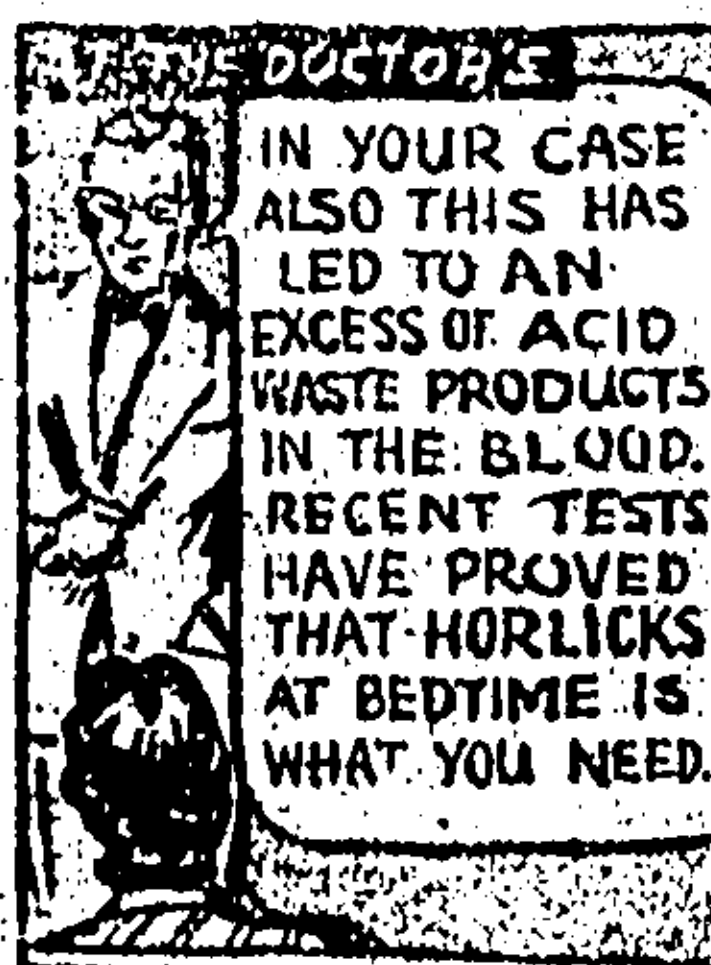
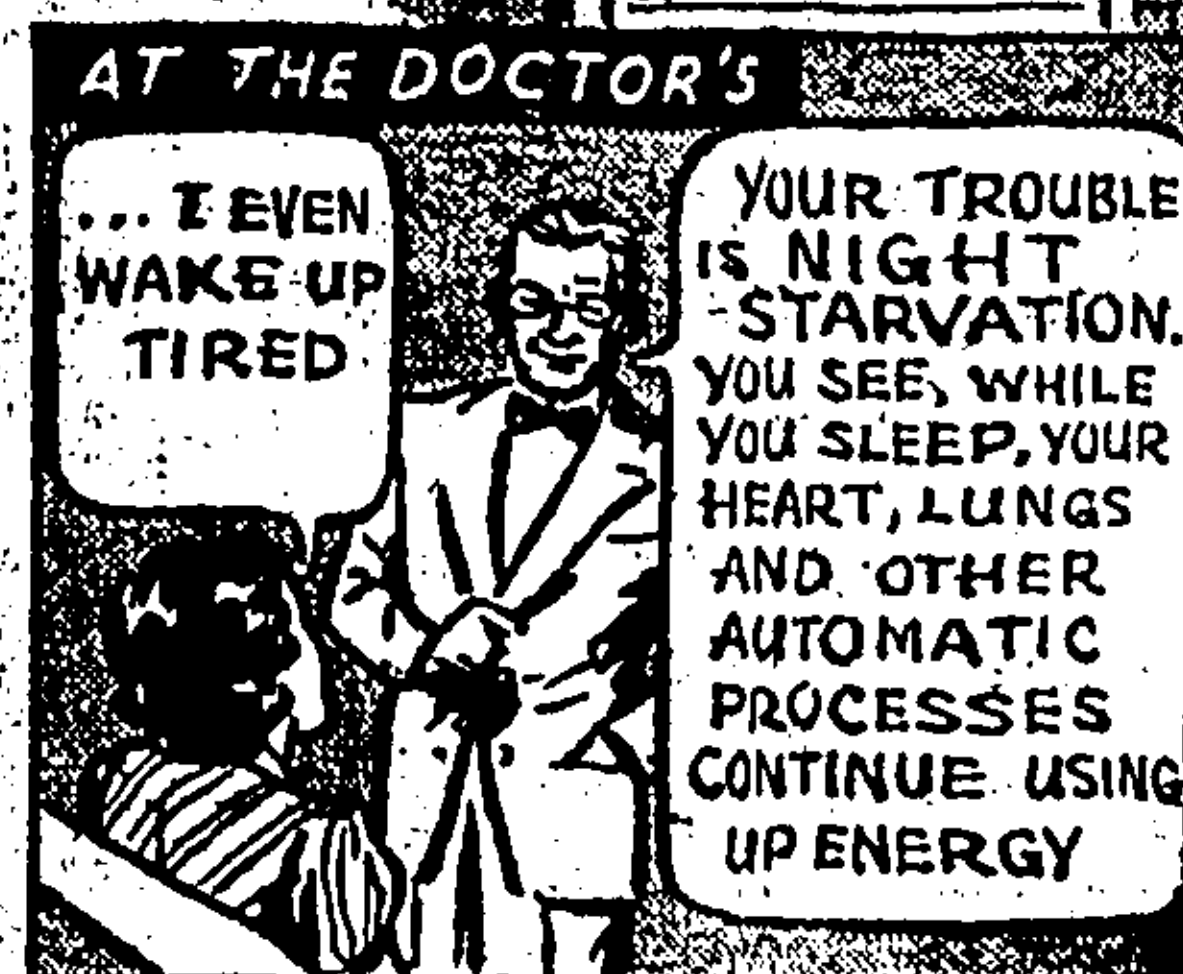
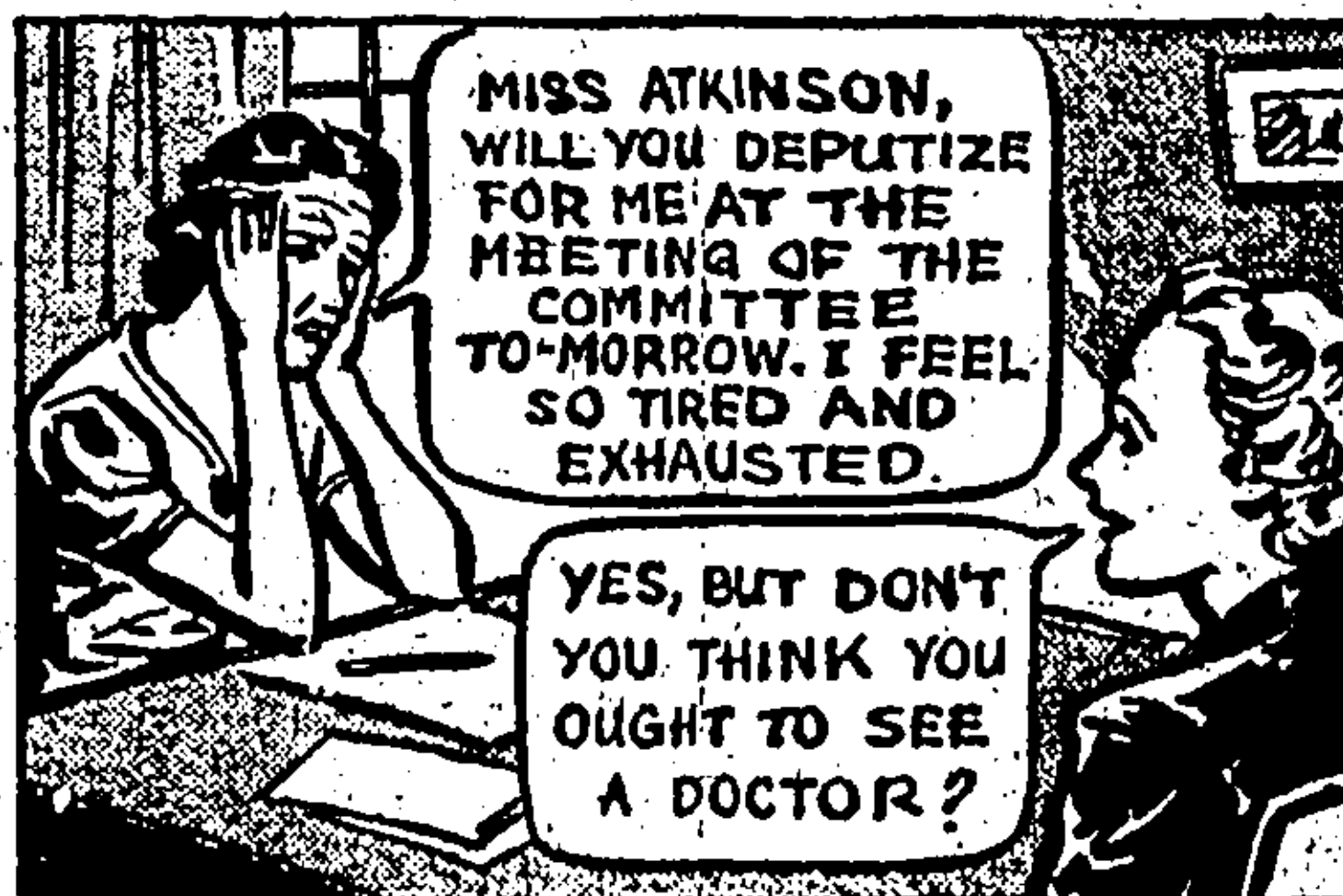
A police officer said Egan was armed with a rifle, bayonet, and ten clips of ammunition, and had frightened a number of women by his strange manner.

A policeman grappled with Egan and disarmed him by force.

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# BRIDGE NOTES

NO. 22

## CRIME DOESN'T PAY!

By The Four Aces

To-day gives you the chance to spot a criminal and a crime:

South, Dealer East-West vulnerable.

♠ 10 9 8 7  
♥ A 10 5 3  
♦ K 10 9  
♣ 5 4  
♠ 4 3  
♥ Q J 8 4  
♦ A 8 5  
♣ Q 10 7 3  
N  
W  
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S  
♠ K Q J 6  
♥ 9 7  
♦ Q J 4  
♣ A K J 9

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠    | Pass | 1♥    | Pass |
| 2♥    | Pass | 2♠    | Pass |
| 3NT   | Pass | 3♠    | Pass |
| 4♠    | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

West opened a trump, East winning with the Ace and returning another trump. South won the

second trick, cashed two high clubs, and ruffed a club in dummy. He then led a diamond from dummy, playing the Queen from his own hand, and West won with the diamond Ace.

West returned a low heart, but dummy's Ace won; and South regained the lead with the diamond Jack to ruff out the last club loser. He had to give up a heart trick, but easily won the rest to fulfill his contract. Something slipped somewhere. See if you can tell who committed what crime before you read any more.

East was the criminal, and his crime occurred at the very first trick. West found the right defence by opening a trump, but East made a hash of matters by putting up his Ace. If he had played a low trump, South would have won and managed to ruff one club but would be unable to get the lead back into his own hand in order to ruff the other club. He would lead diamonds (just as he actually did) and West would get the lead with his diamond Ace. But then West would still have his other trump left, and by leading that trump he would allow East to take the trump Ace and lead a third round of trumps. With only one club ruff in the dummy, South would have won only nine tricks for a one-trick set.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 5  
♥ Q 10 8 6 4  
♦ A 9  
♣ K 10

The bidding:

| You | Schönknecht | Jacoby | Miler |
|-----|-------------|--------|-------|
| 1♥  | Pass        | 1NT    | Pass  |
| 2♥  | Pass        | 2NT    | Pass  |

ANSWER: Bid two spades. This bid may compel your partner to go to three hearts, but your hand is strong enough to stand such a contract. Score 100% for two spades 20% for two no-trump.

## Question No. 591

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner with the same hand as above, and the bidding continues:

| You | Schönknecht | Jacoby | Miler |
|-----|-------------|--------|-------|
| 1♥  | Pass        | 1NT    | Pass  |
| 2♥  | Pass        | 2NT    | Pass  |

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.) (Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

## WIND BROUGHT GOOD NEWS

On holiday in Devonshire, Miss G. Elliott, of Trimley, Suffolk, picked up a newspaper which had blown across the sands to her feet as she sat on the beach.

Glancing through it, she read that her fiancé, Eric Richard Stewart, twenty-two, of Clarkson Street, Ipswich, had been awarded the Military Medal.

That was the first she knew of it. Miss Elliott wrote to Stewart's parents. "It was news to us, too," his mother, Mrs. J. Stewart, told a reporter.

# ST. PAUL'S HERO'S PLEA SAVES BOMB MEN

THE MAN who saved St. Paul's successfully pleaded on behalf of two of his men. Two members of a bomb disposal squad were accused at Clerkenwell (London) Police Court where they admitted having assaulted police officers.

Their commanding officer, Lieutenant R. Davies, who was in charge of the squad which dug out the 1,000lb. time bomb at St. Paul's Cathedral, spoke for them and they were discharged.

"We have been working at high pressure on unexploded bombs," he told the magistrate, Mr. Walter Hedley, R.C. "With all due respect for the job it is not the type of work a lot of people rush after."

"They are working in the face of sudden death practically all the time. I know that my own temper has become somewhat frayed."

"As soldiers they are of the best sir."

A few moments later his men were leaving the court in an Army lorry to continue their job.

Wilfred Hall, twenty-four, a sapper, admitted using insulting words and behaviour and assaulting Special Constable Eldridge.

## Hostile Crowd

Lance-Corporal John Gale, twenty, admitted assaulting Police Constable Watkins, but in reply to a charge of damaging a window of a public-house in Clerkenwell Road, E.C. replied: "I don't remember it."

Inspector Kent said the two men were concerned in an incident at the public-house.

Police-Constable Watkins was called in and advised them to leave quietly, but was punched on the nose by Lance-Corporal Gale who was arrested but broke away.

When Watkins seemed likely to be overpowered, another officer knocked Gale out with his truncheon.

In the meantime, a large and hostile crowd tried to get at Watkins.

## WOMEN WILL GET SAME WAGES AS MEN

Women employed by Cooperative Societies in place of men and assuming duties different from those of women workers in the same department will be paid at the rate of the man's wage after six months' service.

They are also to receive the man's war bonus—7s. a week in the case of adults.

During the first six months they will receive 80 per cent. of the man's wages and the women's war bonus, 5s. in the case of adults.

This agreement has been reached by the Cooperative Unions' National Wages Council, representing 800 societies, and the trade unions concerned.

# SIRENS DON'T SAVE

"Sirens are a curse. As a result of them many hours of useful work have been lost. I don't believe that sirens have saved life."

This view was stated by Mr. Ben Tillet, the veteran dockers' leader, at the National Trade Union Club, London.

Sirens, he declared, were clumsy and barbarous. There were good alternatives—the wireless, the telephone, A.R.P. and other agencies—which could give warning, and factories could still carry on.

Every day, he said, the Germans came over and won bloodless victories.

"I want to make this protest. The Government must be alive to the criminal waste of energy and labour. Nerves have been destroyed by the sirens without any results."

## Official View

An official of the Ministry of Home Security explained that the siren alarm was given when the Fighter Command considered that the course of the raiders might take them over some part of the London area.

Although raiders might alter their course and swerve aside, they might still again change direction and try to make for London.

Experience, said the official, might possibly modify the present arrangements, but so far, on the whole, they had worked fairly successfully.

## B.B.C. Roof Watcher?

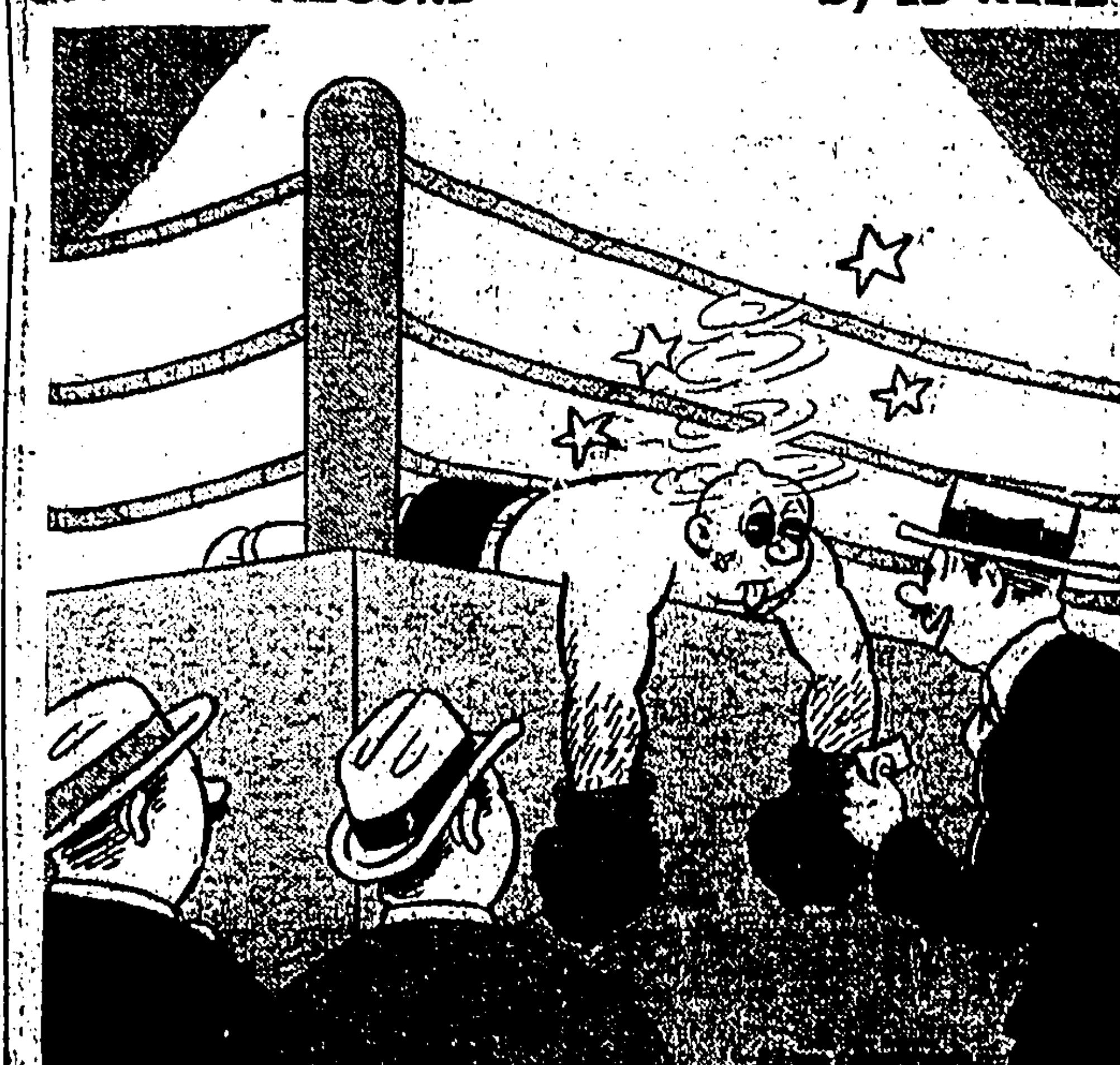
The B.B.C. is considering plans to reduce the interruption of programmes when the sirens sound and for more "live" shows during the actual warning period.

At present gramophone record programmes are substituted for the show in progress at the time, but the B.B.C. is aiming at something better.

Another matter under consideration by the B.B.C. is the establishment of a roof watcher during air raid warning periods. He will warn the nucleus staff still working above ground if danger approaches closely.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"Pardon me, I'm from the vocational rehabilitation corporation!"

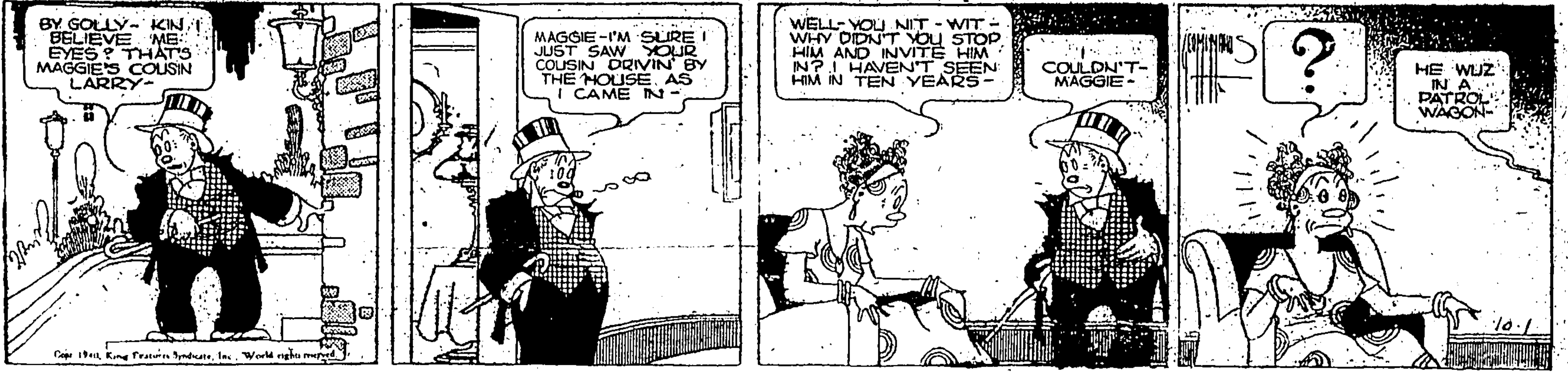
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN One Day Each Month To Self

ONE day out of thirty isn't too much to devote to oneself, whether you are a busy mother, wife or career woman. If you schedule a day, set it aside and do not let anything interfere with your plans, you will be able to attend to all those little personal things which have been cluttering up your mind. And for the rest of the month you will rest more easily.

"That skirt should be shortened," "I must get a new lipstick for day time," "If I ever get time I'll have my hair reshaped and set becomingly," "I simply must not forget to buy a supply of shields," "Every dress in my closet needs going over and pressing—I must do that soon." You are familiar with these half-promises one makes with oneself and they keep coming to mind persistently until you actually take time to do them!

### Embrace Chores Systematically

Every girl and woman should have a little pad and pencil in her dressing table drawer, or her bureau drawer. Every time she thinks of something which should be done, or something to buy, she should make a note. Then on the day of days take out the list and plan how all can be done in the one day.

If you are going shopping begin with a session of grooming. If you feel well and look well you will get through your list quickly. When you return refresh yourself, change your shoes, put on something comfortable and tackle the wardrobe renovating—or at least sort your clothes and resolve to do a bit each day for the next week if there is a lot to do to make them wearable.

It is surprising how much ground you can cover in one day if you are concentrating only on YOU. Your re-acting becomes clear, your energy is high.

If you go to business devote Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning to yourself. If you are a busy housewife finish your morning tasks early and scam before the day gets too old! If you hang around until lunch time you will never get going—isn't that the truth?

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are nicely groomed and that your clothes fit well and are in good condition. A seam taken in or let out, a skirt shortened, a dress

cleaned, a missing snap replaced, shoe lifts changed, gloves and hose all fresh and mended—give you the satisfied feeling.

## Perfume Advice

### Lighter Mixtures For Young

Show me the woman who is not thrilled with a perfume perfectly suited to her taste and beauty and I will tell you whether she is ill or defeated! For every normal woman adores a lovely fragrance either in a sachet, cologne or perfume. And women for ages past have adored fragrances, and men for ages past have adored women who adored lovely fragrances!

Perfume, an exquisite, lasting brew, does two things for a woman. It makes her pleased with herself and it greatly adds to her attraction. Even the youngest of children are attracted by a sweet scent and long remember grandma "who always smelled so nice" — perhaps of lavender, verberna or carnation!

There are numerous brews on the perfume counter so many in fact they are bewildering to a woman who has no definite choice in mind when she shops for one "to do something for her."

Good old brews, like good old wives, are expensive and cherished. Make no mistake about that. Newer perfumes make their bow constantly but many of them cannot measure up to the old favourites. Therefore if you are confused about a choice, ask your salesgirl to show you five of the most popular, expensive perfumes. Sniff each and choose the one which pleases you the most. As you are testing your reaction, to it buy the smallest quantity you can. Wear it, decide whether you like it and make note if friends say "How lovely, what perfume are you wearing?"

Parfumers have recently been considering the very young females and have introduced several delightful fragrances appropriate for their tender years and fresh beauty. The more potent, heady mixtures are not for young girls, but there are at least fifty lighter essences from which they may choose.

And a word about how perfume should be worn. It is not sufficient to put a drop behind one's ear and expect to radiate an exquisite aroma for hours. No indeed. Perfume must be used generously if you wish it to hang about your person for some time. Too much has been said about "over-perfuming." After all it is difficult to get too much of an exquisite fragrance. If a fragrance is cheap or repulsive then little of it can be too much!

It is rather nice to be consistent about your fragrance radiation. Use one lovely scent on your afternoon clothes and your evening clothes. Use another outdoor perfume for your tailored and sport clothes. If you have the space, keep your dresser things in one closet and your sporty things in another — then the fragrances will not fuse.

Spray around the hem of your dresses, your handkerchiefs, inside your handbags, in your glove drawer or box. Then spray perfume on your person after your grooming is complete. In back of your ears, on your wrists, in your hair.



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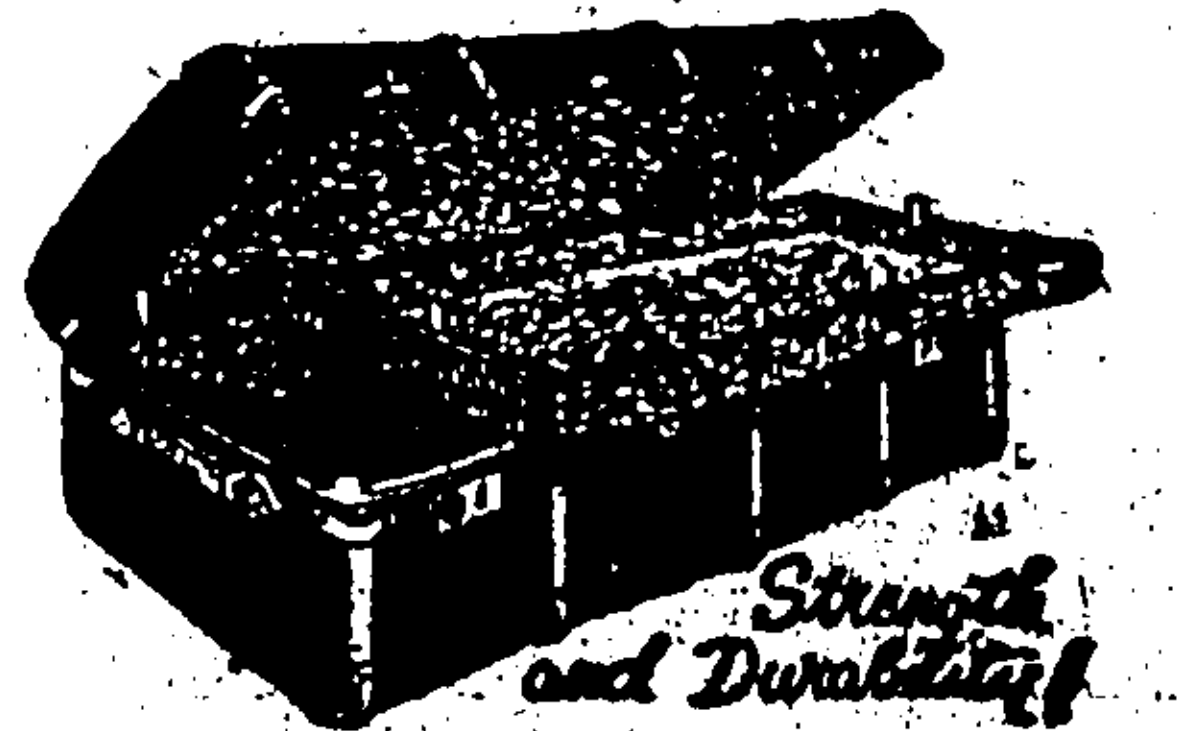
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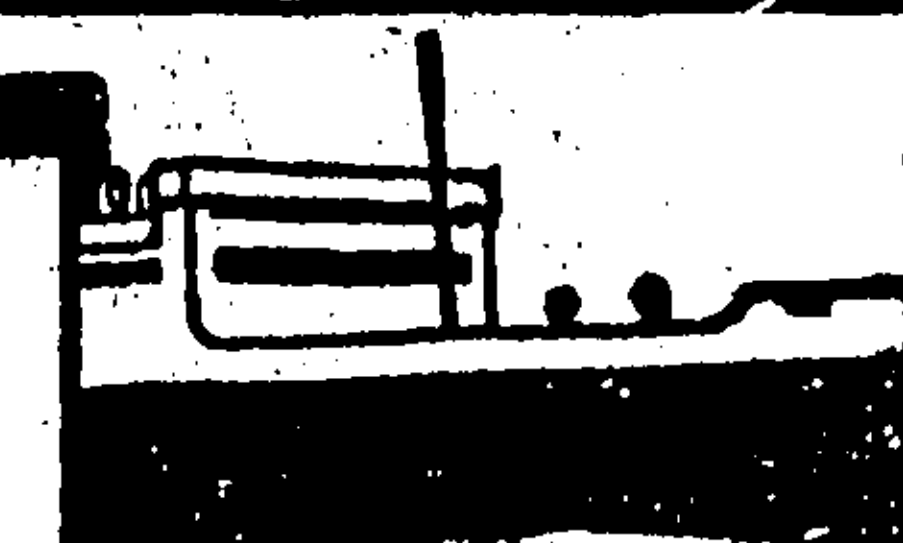
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1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.  
9.45 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.  
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## THREE BORN IN REFUGEE SHIP

About 300 refugees, mostly women and children, from Gibraltar arrived in London recently by train.

On the voyage three women gave birth to a child. The party were taken in buses to centres arranged by the Ministry of Health for their accommodation. Gibraltar police helped in looking after the party.

Many of the refugees consisted of large families, ranging from eight to sixteen.

One of the veterans was Mr. John Ferro, an ex-police inspector in the Gibraltar Force, who brought with him his son, three grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

The children were happy. When some in a railway compartment were asked if they were glad to be here, there was a chorus of "Yes."

A dozen Boy Scouts from the Rock performed their "daily good deed" by doing what they could for the welfare of their fellow passengers who were either ill or too old to look after themselves.

About two thousand refugees came in the ship and they have been coming to London in batches.

They will probably be the last of the refugees to be brought to Britain.

Nearly 8,000 have already been found homes in hotels and many in flats by the Ministry of Health.

In the House of Lords it was stated that there would be about 11,000 refugees altogether from Gibraltar.

## SHE LIVES HER MOTHER'S ROMANCE OVER AGAIN

NINETEEN - YEAR - OLD Violette Bushell's mother, a French girl living in the Somme area in the last war, married a British soldier.

Now Violette has married Etienne Szabo, thirty-year-old soldier in General de Gaulle's Free French army.

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She first saw Etienne sitting in a London park. He looked unhappy and feeling sorry for him, she began to talk. Etienne was delighted to meet someone who could speak French.

She invited Etienne home to meet her parents. Twelve days later he proposed.

Violette, who lives in Burnley Road, Brixton, told a reporter her romance with Etienne, who was a member of the Foreign Legion.

"Etienne had just taken part in a parade of De Gaulle's men on July 14 when we met," she said.

"He's been in the Legion for thirteen years and has been service in Indo-China, Syria, Morocco and Narvik."

"Once he was wounded in a skirmish with Arabs. He has received several decorations."

Said Mrs. Bushell: "Violette said two months ago that she didn't intend to marry until she was twenty-five. Etienne has certainly made her change her mind very quickly!"

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1,000 Watsons @ \$10½

## CRIPPLE IS THEIR WARDEN

Always the first to reach the public air-raid shelter near his north-western home is Bill Robinson. And he's always the last to go in.

There he stands on his crutches, cheering up the neighbours and telling them to keep calm — for Bill has not had his legs since he was a few months old, when infantile paralysis caused their loss.

And now Bill, who is thirty-four, wants to join the Army. He registered the other day, and it was only for obvious reasons that he told the clerk of his infirmity.

"Don't let that worry you, though," said Bill. "I'm a skilled bootmaker, and if there's nothing else I can do in the Army I can make boots for the men with awkward feet."

Bill has never any trouble in getting about. When he is at home he lays his crutches near the door ready for an emergency, and swings his body in such a way that he can go anywhere except upstairs.

### Played Football

The other day he helped his wife to bring the beds downstairs so that she and their little son would be safer.

When he was at school Bill missed none of the fun. "You'd be surprised what a fellow can do with a couple of props," he grinned. "I played football with the boys and scored a few goals. Nobody could ever kick me on these shins."

Bill's chief hobby is fishing, and he is a member of a local angling club, but since the war he has been busiest in his job of unofficial warden.

When he goes to the shelter he picks up a big case packed with hot drinks and sandwiches, and there is always a share for any of the neighbours' children. In another bag is a first-aid outfit — just in case.

## FOUND BOMBED HOME HAD BEEN ROBBED

A young woman, climbing through the window of her bomb-wrecked home, found a thief had been there before her.

This was stated at Liverpool Police Court when William Henry Duffield, thirty-nine, barman, was committed to the Assizes on two charges of stealing from houses which had been subjected to enemy attack.

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# Rise Of Anton Christoforidis To Fame In Boxing World

## Biggest Greek Idol Since Londos

ANTON CHRISTOFORIDIS dropped into Cleveland recently long enough to belt out in the second round Jimmy Reeves, a trim Negro, who after establishing a national reputation as an amateur, won 14 of 15 professional matches to earn high ranking among light-heavyweights.

Christoforidis, a handsome and compactly constructed Greek, is a striking example of how good fighters are give the run around by promoters and matchmakers who complain that there is a dearth of worthwhile talent.

Christoforidis has been in the United States a year, yet Reeves was the first "name" performer to give him an appointment.

A couple of preliminaries is all Mike Jacobs has given Christoforidis at Madison Square Garden. The Great Greek Profile stood up there as he has come through elsewhere twice in Chicago and Detroit and now in Cleveland.

He will have to get there the hard way, though he would jump at the chance to do 160 pounds for Ken Overlin, Tony Zale, Billy Soose or Steve Belloise, and would be a suitable opponent for Billy Conn.

### Christoforidis Used To Hard Knocks

Orphaned in the great Smyrnia fire, Anton Christoforidis shone shoes, peddled newspapers and held horses for rich Athenians. He broke in fighting in an Athens beer hall at 50 cents a crack. He became a bell hop and he got to Paris.

Although he has had 90 fights on record, there isn't a mark on him, which is something in the way of evidence that he can do something more than swat.

Christoforidis is one of the mighty few Greek fighters. George (K. O.) Brown, the old Chicago middleweight, was one. Phil McGraw, the Detroit lightweight, another.

Greeks usually go in for wrestling. A number of current fistie headlines wish Christoforidis had.

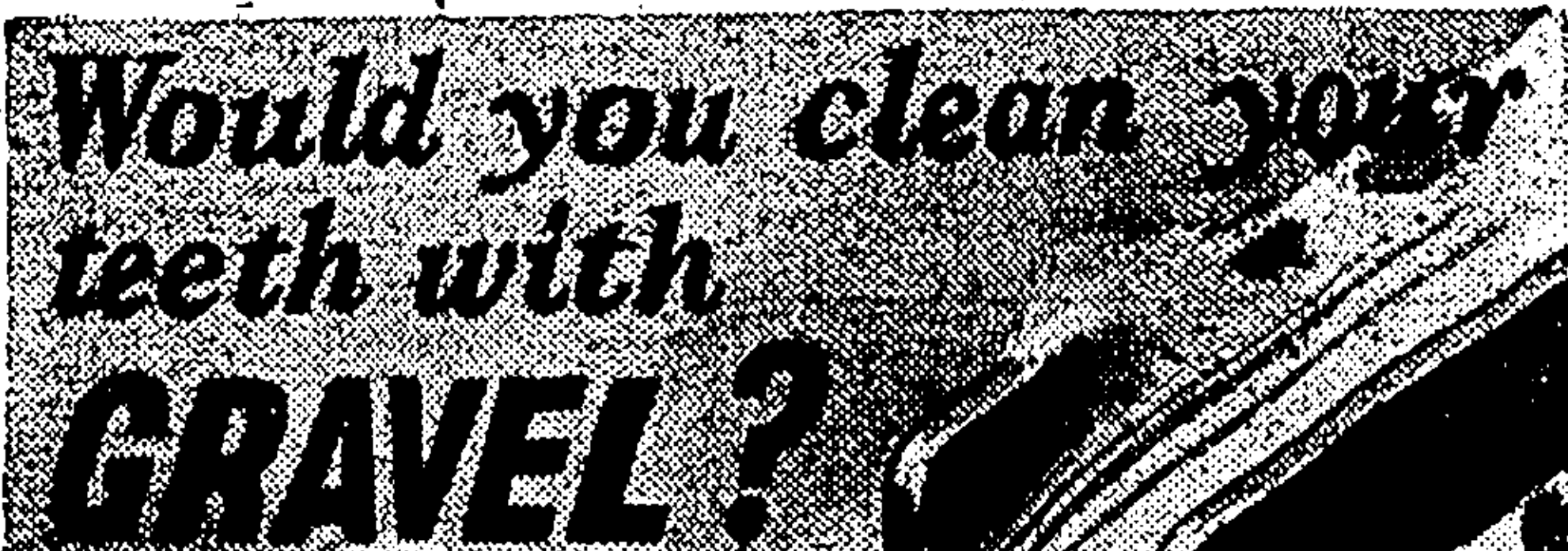
### An International Record

Christoforidis, 23 now and boxing since he was 15, has beaten the best in France, Holland, Belgium, Germany and Northern Africa. He flattened Carmelo Candel and repelled Lou Brouillard in Paris. Candel drew with Marcel Thil and repulsed Teddy Yarosz.

Christoforidis took the middleweight championship of Europe from Bep Van Klaveren in Rotterdam, and ironed out Annett, Belgium's 175-pound leader, in Brussels.

He heiled Hitler, whether he liked it or not, and then knocked out Gustav Eder, the German 160-pound titleholder, in Berlin. He lifted the North African crown from Bob Youssef, an Arab, in Algiers.

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## ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADSY"

TO-DAY at Sookunpoo the Middlesex are playing the Hong Kong Signal Company in the Small Units Rugby League, and the following will represent the

**Rugby**  
Middlesex: Pte. Thompson, L/C. Radley, Bds. Rymas, 2/Lt. F. S. C. Hancock, L/C. Cordery, Capt. C. M. M. Mam, L/C. Moggeridge, L/C. Wilson, Sgt. Bayly, L/C. Heather, Drm. Kilmike, L/C. Pearce, D/M. Holdford, Pte. Berry and Cpl. Gilham. Reserves—L/C. Goddard.  
In the top half of the League Royal Scots are leading with 4 points and Middlesex are second with 3 points.

The Engineers have already won in the bottom half of the league, winning all their games with six points.

**LEAGUE TABLES**

**"A" Section**

|                     | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| R. Scots            | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4   |
| Middlesex           | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3   |
| 8th Hvy. Regt. R.A. | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1   |
| Signals             | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0   |
| R.A.S.C.            | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0   |

**"B" Section**

|                      | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Engineers            | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6   |
| 5th A.A. Regt.       | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2   |
| R.A.M.C.             | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2   |
| 12th Hvy. Regt. R.A. | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0   |

IN the Hong Kong Hockey tournament on Sunday 5th A.A. Regt. 'B' team lost to A.N. Other XI by 6 goals to 1.

Bigginton scored for the gunners. In a friendly game at King's Park R.A.M.C. defeated Y.M.C.A. juniors by 3 goals to 1, and Punjabis drew with the Y.M.C.A. seniors two-all.

On Sunday at Chatham Road Air Force beat a representative Small Units side in a friendly hockey game.

At the conclusion of the game, Lieut. Colonel E. Levett presented Air Force with the Departmental Corps Hockey Shield which they won, by winning all their games in the League.

The final results are as follows:

|              | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| R.A.S.C.     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| Signals      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.O.C.     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.M.C.     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| Signals      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.F.       | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.S.C.     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| C.M.H. W/O   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.M.C.     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| Signals      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.S.C.     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.F.       | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| C.M.H.       | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.O.C.     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.M.C. W/O | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| R.A.F.       | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |

Final Positions

|          | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| R.A.F.   | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 5  | 10  |
| Signals  | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 4  | 8   |
| R.A.M.C. | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 3  | 6  | 6   |
| C.M.H.   | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6  | 6  | 4   |
| R.A.O.C. | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3  | 15 | 2   |
| R.A.S.C. | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3  | 12 | 0   |

TO-MORROW, at Sookunpoo, the Final of the Small Units football competition will take place, with H.Q. Coy. of the Middlesex playing 'D' of the Royal Scots.

This should prove to be a good game, as both teams have a strong side, including many Battalion players.

Middlesex team includes Jackson, Sheehan, Bright, and Pearson of the Battalion first eleven, and Revell of the second eleven.

He was the pugilistic talk of Paris when the war sent him to the United States.

### Biggest Purse Paid Yet

Sidetracked by the more highly publicised boys, \$1,000 is the most Christoforidis has collected for a start on this side. He was paid that sum for knocking out Jimmy Burns in three rounds in Chicago, and for trouncing Tony Bruno on the Zale-Soose show in the same city, where he was stuck down in the preliminaries when he probably could have licked the principals.

He gave the game a shot in the arm in Detroit, where he dropped Joe Sutka 11 times and had George Burnette down three times and out at the finish.

Greeks who have seen Anton Christoforidis have their greatest hero since Jim Londos' heyday. They have a word for him—'Swall'!

Scots team includes Falconer, of their Battalion first eleven and Auld, and Flemming of their second eleven.

At the conclusion of the game the General Officer Commanding, Major-General A. E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., will present the winners with the Small Units football Cup.

How they reached the final.  
"D" Coy. Royal Scots:—  
beat Signals 5-0  
beat "A" Coy. Midd'x 1-0  
beat R.A.F. 4-1  
beat 24th R.A. 5-1  
H.Q. Coy. Middlesex:—  
beat 40th (F) Coy. R.E. 3-2  
beat 36th R.A. 2-1  
beat H.Q. Coy. Royal Scots 2-0

THE following is the draw for the Fourth Round of the Individuals Billiards Championship which will be played to-day.

Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C. v. Pte. Gordon, Royal Scots.  
Sgt. Hamlen, R.A.S.C. v. B.S.M. Rawlings, R.A.  
Pte. Haigh, R.A.S.C. v. S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C.  
Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C. v. L/C. Willis, C.M.P.

Following is the draw for the Fourth Round of the Individual Snooker Championship, to be played on Thursday, December 19.

Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C. v. Lieut. Dixon, R.A.M.C.  
S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C. v. L/C. Willis, C.M.P.  
Pte. Gordon, Royal Scots. v. Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C.  
Pte. Myles, Royal Scots or Piper Milne, Royal Scots v. L/C. Saunders, R.A.O.C.

ON Sunday Command Headquarters Cricket eleven drew with R.A.M.C. at Central British School.

The Medical Corps batted first and declared at 161 runs for seven, and I must congratulate Logan on getting a fine half century.

Command Headquarters replied with 103 for six with Brigadier McLeod carrying his bat to make a fine 46 not out. Capt. Dewar scored 36 runs.

## CHINESE XI FOR SUNDAY'S CHARITY GAMES

Following have been selected to represent the Chinese teams against the Association in the charity matches of Sunday, December 22:

"A" TEAM—Cheung Wing-choy (Sing Tao); Tsang Chung-wan (South China); and Lee Tin-sang (Sing Tao); Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); Hsu King-sing (Eastern); and Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern); Chung Yung-sun (Eastern); Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao); Lee Wai-tong (South China) (Capt.); Lai Shiu-wing (Sing Tao) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).  
Reserves:—Lee Kwok-kee (Kwong Wah); Kong Shing-king (Eastern); Lee Kwok-wai (South China); Lau Chi-chan (Eastern); Leung Wing-chiu (Sing Tao); Li Wai-ham (R.E.); Lee Tak-kee (South China); Chan Tak-ai (South China); Yeung Shiu-yick (Sing Tao) and C. T. Tso (Eastern).

Team Manager:—Mr. W. Hanming Chen.  
"B" TEAM—Lau Hin-hon; Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao); and Tse Kam-hung (South China); Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao); Lam Tak-po (South China) and So Wai-kuen (Eastern); Tang Kwong-sum (Sing Tao); Chow Man-chi (South China) (Capt.); Hui Man-fai (Eastern); Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah) and Wong King-cheong (Kwong Wah).

## "Y" BILLIARDS SOCIAL

A Billiards Social Evening will be held in the Y.M.C.A., to-night 7.30 p.m.

The programme will consist of a match against Pay Corps, followed by a Novelty Competition event amongst the members.

Y's team will be selected from the following:  
C. T. Terran, R. Goldmar, L. Sykes, C. T. Champelovier, O. Baker, I. G. Jones, C. A. du Cozier, and H. Kemp.

## WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following is this week-end's Football programme:

| FIRST DIVISION               |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Eastern                      | v Middlex.      |
| (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)   |                 |
| St. Joseph's                 | v Royal Scots   |
| (St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)    |                 |
| Kwong Wah                    | v Kowloon       |
| (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.) |                 |
| Club                         | v Navy          |
| (Club, 4.00 p.m.)            |                 |
| SECOND DIVISION              |                 |
| Ordinance                    | v Sing Tao      |
| (Military, 2.30 p.m.)        |                 |
| Navy                         | v Kowloon       |
| (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)    |                 |
| South China                  | v Middlesex     |
| (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)   |                 |
| Kwong Wah                    | v Royal Scots   |
| (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.) |                 |
| Club                         | v Service Corps |
| (Club, 2.30 p.m.)            |                 |
| THIRD DIVISION               |                 |
| Signals                      | v Air Force     |
| (Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)    |                 |
| 30th R.A.                    | v International |
| (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)       |                 |
| 7th R.A.                     | v 12th R.A.     |
| (Military, 4.00 p.m.)        |                 |
| Engineers                    | v 20th R.A.     |
| (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)       |                 |
| FIRST DIVISION               |                 |
| South China                  | v Police        |
| (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)   |                 |
| SECOND DIVISION              |                 |
| Kit Chee                     | v 30th R.A.     |
| (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)   |                 |
| Police                       | v Engineers     |
| (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.) |                 |
| THIRD DIVISION               |                 |
| 24th R.A.                    | v Medicals      |
| (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)       |                 |
| Service Corps                | v Shell         |
| (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)       |                 |
| A.S.A.                       | v 36th R.A.     |
| (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.) |                 |

## OFFICIALS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CHARITY MATCHES

Following are the officials for the Christmas week Charity football matches:

| CHARITY MATCHES                                      |                              |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| December 22                                          |                              |
| Combined Chinese "A" v Rest "A"                      | (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)       |
| Referee:—Mr. H. Beard.                               |                              |
| Linesmen:—Messrs. R. M. Omar and J. Silva.           |                              |
| Combined Chinese "B" v Rest "B"                      | (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)    |
| Referee:—Mr. W. Glover.                              |                              |
| Linesmen:—Messrs. W. Foster and C. Ford.             |                              |
| "SUNDAY HERALD" INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP—SEMI-FINAL |                              |
| Christmas Day                                        |                              |
| China (holders) v Scotland                           | (Boundary Street, 3.30 p.m.) |
| Referee:—Mr. D. Kossick.                             |                              |
| Linesmen:—Messrs. H. Beard and A. G. Marle.          |                              |
| Boxing Day                                           |                              |
| England v Portugal                                   | (Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.)         |
| Referee:—Mr. J. Silva.                               |                              |
| Linesmen:—Mr. K. K. Ip and Rev. S. Hinchcliffe.      |                              |
| CHARITY MATCH IN AID OF B.W.O.F. AND BOMBER FUND     |                              |
| New Year's Day                                       |                              |
| Rest (Sookunpoo, 3.45 p.m.)                          |                              |
| Referee:—Mr. D. M. Mitchell.                         |                              |
| Linesmen:—Messrs. D. Kossick and W. Glover.          |                              |

## CHINA'S INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TEAM

Following have been selected to represent China in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Match competition to be played on December 25, at the Boundary Street:

Cheung Wing-choy (Sing Tao); Tsang Chung-wan (South China); and Lee Tin-sang (Sing Tao); Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); Hsu King-sing (Eastern); and Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern); Chung Yung-sun (Eastern); Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao); Lee Wai-tong (South China) (Capt.); Lai Shiu-wing (Sing Tao) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).  
Reserves:—Lau Hin-hon (Eastern); Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao); Tse Kam-hung (South China); Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao); Hui Man-fai (Eastern); Chan Tak-ai (South China); Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah); Lee Shek-yau (South China); and Wong King-cheong (Kwong Wah).  
Team Manager:—Mr. W. Hanming Chen.







# CASH INSTEAD OF LOANS

Mrs. Roosevelt Makes Recommendation To U.S.

## BRITAIN REQUESTS FINANCIAL AID

Britain has formally requested financial assistance from the United States, it was learned from a high official source, who refused to be quoted, in Washington yesterday.

The amount and exact nature of the request would not be disclosed but it is hinted it could not be defined as an application for a "loan."—Reuter.

## Britain Having To Pay For U.S. "Aid"

OUTRIGHT CASH GIFTS TO BRITAIN RATHER THAN LOANS WERE ADVOCATED BY MRS. ROOSEVELT, WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

Asked where such a gift would come from, she replied "From the Government," adding: "Ultimately they would come from the pockets of you and me."

## PEARL RIVER LATEST

THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES AT CANTON HAVE CONSIDERABLY MODIFIED THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON PASSENGERS TRAVELLING FROM HONG KONG TO CANTON, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED THIS MORNING.

The number of passengers allowed has been increased from 106 to 300 and the quarantine period in Canton reduced from four days to 24 hours.

The O.S.K. motor-vessel "Siragan Maru" arrives in Hong Kong to-day and will sail for Canton to-morrow, with accommodation for special, first and second class passengers only.

The s.s. Fatshan, has not yet resumed service and this morning it was learned that no schedule had yet been fixed by Butterfield and Swire, the agents.

Mrs. Roosevelt continued: "A certain number of people are under the impression that we are giving aid to England but we must face the reality. We are being paid."

"Gifts would be less likely to involve the United States in war than loans."

"Sending supplies to Britain has been helpful to the United States in that it has helped to stimulate industry in the interests of United States national defence."

"We do not see there must be reason to talk about loans. We should not make the mistakes we made last time."

Mrs. Roosevelt nodded when she was asked if she meant that these loans were not repaid.—Reuter.

## COAL GAS 'PLANE EXPERIMENT

The Italian air force is experimenting with coal gas as driving power for aeroplanes.

The Stefani agency said yesterday that the experiments are being carried out at an aerodrome near Milan.

A Breda 'plane, fitted with an 85 horse-power motor, was adapted for the use of coal gas, and the agency states that it took off easily and rose to a height of 150 feet.—Reuter.

## U.S. TO SELL 24 SHIPS

The United States Maritime Commission announced yesterday that 24 laid up merchant ships will be offered for sale on January 7.

It is expected a bid will be made by the British Purchasing Commission.

The ships to be sold range from some just under 8,000 tons to the 23,000-ton George Washington, which was formerly a German vessel.

Terms of sale provide for transfer of the ships to foreign flags provided this is done within six months.—Reuter.

## BIG ITALIAN FORCE ENCIRCLED AT SOLLUM

(Continued from Page 1)

Italians as well fed, clothed and shod, in contrast to the Libyans.

### Scenes Of Confusion

Similar scenes of confusion met the eyes of the party at the Italian camp at Tumma, just south of Sidi Barrani.

Field-guns were lying all over the place, and Italian officers had left so hurriedly that even their valises were left behind.

Capt. Hurley said: "We pelted on in an endeavour to catch up with the battle but the Imperial forces were moving at a rate of 50 miles a day."

"Then we heard the roar of naval guns bombarding Sidi Barrani."—Reuter.

### Sollum Falls

An official communique in Cairo, says an International News despatch, announces the capture of Fort Capuzzo and Sollum. It is presumed that the large Italian force encircled at Sollum has been either decimated or captured.



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## STUNNING BLOW FOR ITALY

Large Force At Sollum Surrenders Unexpectedly

### WHITE HOUSE PARLEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Home from his refreshing Caribbean cruise, President Roosevelt is at grips with growingly acute problems of arms production speed-up and rushing to counter-blockaded Britain, help by American ships or loans.

Coincidentally, high officials in Washington yesterday disclosed that Sir Frederick Phillips, Under-Secretary in the British Treasury, has presented Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the United States Treasury, with a formal British request for "financial assistance."

The kind of assistance and the amount is not disclosed.

At the White House yesterday the President was closeted with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, for two hours, discussing the heavy, swift breaking of events during his absence, particularly in France and the Far East.

The Diplomatic Corps views as significant Mrs. Roosevelt's declaration at a press conference just at the time of the President's arrival back in Washington that "it is about time we started giving something to Britain."—International News Service.

### DANUBE TO BE CLOSED

Main route for the supply of Rumanian petrol and other commodities to Germany will be closed, owing to the presence of ice in the Danube.

The Yugoslav River Navigation Control Organisation yesterday ordered the suspension of all navigation on the river as from to-day, says a Belgrade message to London newspapers.

All Yugoslav Danube steamers are being withdrawn and will tie up for the winter, and it is expected that other Danubian countries will follow suit in the next few days.—Reuter.

### NOCTURNAL PEAK VISITORS

Awakened at about 2.45 a.m. to-day by the barking of his dog, Mr. J. Hart Davis, residing at No. 32, Luard Road, saw a man running past the bedroom window, which was open. Later, he

### REQUISITIONING OF AMERICAN SECURITIES

The United Kingdom Treasury announced yesterday that it was requisitioning a further 60 United States securities.

The list includes such market leaders as General Motors, Woolworths, Eastman Kodak, Sears Roebuck, American Rolling Mill, Pennsylvania Railroad, Goodyear Tire preferred, Liggett and Myers, Socony Vacuum and a number of preferred issues.—Reuter.

## Major Collapse Believed Indicated

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE FAST-MOVING BRITISH AND IMPERIAL TROOPS YESTERDAY DEALT ITALY THE MOST STUNNING BLOW EVER DELIVERED ON ITALIAN SOIL WHEN FORT CAPUZZO, MAIN ITALIAN REDOUBT IN NORTH-EAST LIBYA, AND SOLLUM, LAST ITALIAN STRONGHOLD IN EGYPT, WERE CAPTURED. A MAJOR COLLAPSE OF ITALIAN RESISTANCE IS INDICATED.

Battling through mud and blinding rainstorms the British blitz army completed a week's campaign which carried them over 60 miles and resulted in the capture of some 30,000 Italian troops.

For several days Sollum had been isolated and it is assumed that the large Italian force trapped there has been captured.

An official communique issued in Cairo last evening declared: "Our troops to-day occupied Sollum and Fort Capuzzo."

"We took a number of aircraft on the ground. Details are unknown."

Although hampered by semi-tropical rainstorms, it is expected the British will continue the invasion, striking at Bardia, only important port in east Libya.

#### Unexpected Ease

Military quarters in Cairo indicated the occupation of Fort Capuzzo and Sollum came unexpectedly quickly.

A few hours before their capture officials predicted there would be a long and hard fight for the two positions, but their early fall is now felt to indicate a major collapse of Italian resistance.—International News Service.

### ANATOLIA FLOODS

Widespread floods have caused serious damage in Anatolia.

Torrential rains have swollen the Simay and Henke Rivers, which have again inundated districts which were flooded last year.

Low lying regions in the province of Smyrna are also under water.

So far no casualties are reported but the damage is large.

Snowstorms and bitter cold were reported throughout Turkey yesterday.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: North-east winds, fresh; fine.

## OTTO ABETZ CONFERS WITH MARSHAL PETAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GERMAN Ambassador to France, Otto Abetz, arrived in Vichy yesterday with three secret proposals based on the appointment of Pierre Flandin in Laval's place as Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister.

Abetz conferred with Marshal Petain last night, and will see Flandin, and also probably Laval, to-day.

Marshal Petain's taking of a firmer grip on the government, however, is believed to have fended off at least for the present the danger of a German occupation of all France.

Marshal Petain has made clear that he alone is master of

discovered that a pair of flannel trousers and a jacket, valued at \$100, were missing.

At about 3.30 a.m., Sergeant Willerton, of Gough Hill Police Station, arrested two Chinese in Kewell Road. One of the men was wearing an identical pair of

France and will not tolerate intrigue.

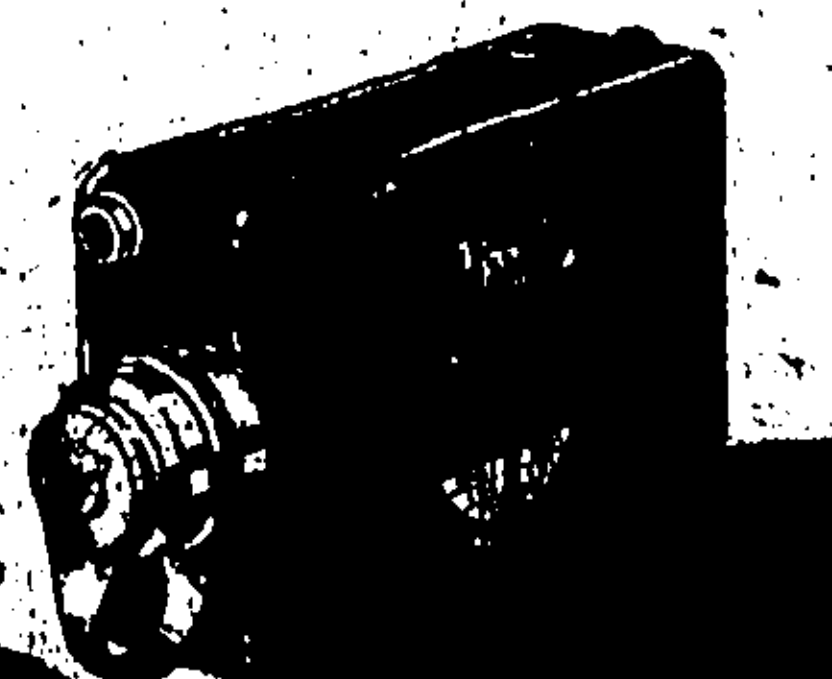
While Abetz's demands are not disclosed, it is assumed he is seeking assurances that M. Laval's removal does not mean any departure from the policy of French cooperation with the Reich.

#### Nazi Attitude

(Swiss reports stated that Laval has been arrested. Berlin despatches say the Nazis are withholding action pending the Abetz-Laval conversations. But Berlin emphasises that France must bear in mind that she is a conquered country and that Germany reserves freedom of action in the appointment of Flandin gives rise to anti-German action.—International News Service.

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# King's Tour Of Devastated Districts In Bristol

## MURDER OF JUDGE D'HOOGHE

The murder last evening of Judge Edouard d'Hooghe, 70-year-old legal adviser of the French Municipal Council and one of Shanghai's leading French citizens, was one of the most vicious and sensational in the city's history.

Judge d'Hooghe was shot dead by a Chinese near his home in the French Concession.

It is not known whether the murder was political.

As Legal Adviser, the Judge had a leading part in the negotiations which resulted in the recent transfer of the jurisdiction of the Nanking regime. The gunman escaped after the crime, which has shocked Shanghai.

Judge d'Hooghe was Judge of the French Consular Court till 1932.—Reuter.

## SUMMONED BY WIFE

At the instance of his wife, Mr. E. B. Schofield, employed on board an oil-tanker, was summoned before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning for failing to provide maintenance for her.

Accused stated that he was earning \$268 monthly, and that he was willing to provide complainant with \$200 per month. He indicated that he would be leaving for Singapore next month.

The Magistrate: "Since you are willing to provide maintenance for her, I will adjourn the summons and hear it in Chambers."

The summons was adjourned sine die.

## EX-CHIEF JUSTICE OF CEYLON DEAD

Sir Philip MacDonnell, formerly Judge of the High Court of Northern Rhodesia and afterwards Chief Justice of Trinidad and later Chief Justice of Ceylon, died at Southport, England, of bronchitis yesterday.—Reuter.

## CAUTIONED

Mr. A. Remedios, of No. 1, Liberty Avenue, was cautioned by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for driving on the wrong side of the road when turning at the junction of Gascoigne and Nathan Roads on November 22.

## TALK WITH WOMAN WHO WAS BURIED FOR HOURS

STANDING ON A HEAP of blackened ruins in Bristol yesterday the King talked to a woman whose home lay in ruins and who was carrying her baby daughter in her arms.

The woman told the King how she, with three other daughters and the baby, were buried for hours beneath tons of bricks, tiles and broken glass when Bristol had its big bombing attack recently.

The King travelled several miles through the city to see the devastation caused by the recent raids, and at several points where he left his car he was completely surrounded by cheering men and women, many of whom shouted "We are not downhearted. God bless your Majesty."

The tour included a visit to Bristol University, where the King inspected damage to the Great Hall and was cheered by a crowd of men and women students.

The King also had a meeting with Queen Mary, who is now living in the West Country, and who gave the King her good wishes on his birthday.—Reuter.

## "Coronation" Welcome

The King received a "Coronation" welcome as he drove to inspect the city's wreckage.

Along streets in the suburbs, as well as in the centre of the city, crowds stood waving flags and cheering as the King drove past.

Amongst scenes of damage caused by indiscriminate bombing the King visited a working-class housing estate where several houses had been hit.

His Majesty was greeted by thousands of schoolchildren and their parents who lined the estate roads.

The King also visited the city's two main shopping streets where practically every building for over a quarter of a mile had been completely destroyed.

The King spoke to many A.R.P. workers, congratulating four A.F.S. men who had been awarded the George Cross.

His Majesty lunched at Regional Headquarters with Queen Mary, who motored to Bristol specially to meet him.—British Wireless.

## H.K.V.D.C. LOSS

Q.M.S. Butler, of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, has reported the theft of a spare wheel and tyre from a car which was parked outside near Fanling Camp yesterday.

## PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA

THE MOSLEM PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA FROM INDIA AND BRITISH EAST AFRICA IS AGAIN BEING ASSISTED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S CONCERNED, BOTH FINANCIALLY AND BY THE PROVISION OF SHIPPING FACILITIES.

Amongst those taking part in the arduous journey, which for many means a lengthy sea passage only made possible by British seapower, is Sayyed Abdulla Shah, Imam of the mosque at Nairobi. His first pilgrimage took place 47 years ago.

Expressing appreciation of the Government's action he said: "This help which is being given our pilgrims demonstrates the love which the British Government bears towards the Moslem world."—British Wireless.

## JAPANESE RAIDS IN YUNNAN

Kunming and several points on the Burma highway were raided by Japanese aircraft yesterday. Kunming was under air raid alarm for more than five hours from 9.30 a.m. to 3.04 p.m.

Flying from bases in Indo-China, ten Japanese planes penetrated into Yunnan. After carrying out a reconnaissance over a wide area, they dropped bombs in the vicinity of Paoshan on the Burma highway.—Central News.

## POLICE GUARD ACCUSED

A police guard, C-986, Wong Kai, 40, alleged to have impersonated a police officer, was remanded for 48 hours by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning.

Det.-Sgt. W. G. Morrison is in charge of the case.

## STUBBS ROAD THIEF DISTURBED

Awakened by the shouts of his house-boy early yesterday morning, Mr. L. L. Mills, of No. 49, Stubbs Road, saw a Chinese running from his residence. A pane of glass had been removed from a window in the living room, but nothing was taken.

## THAILAND BORDER FRICTION

The integrity of Indo-China is to be maintained absolutely intact, says a statement issued in Vichy yesterday by the French Ministry of Colonies in connection with the Thailand frontier incidents.

Complaining about the frequent border raids in which "intolerable attacks on Indo-Chinese persons and property" were made, and French and natives even killed, and recalling that Thai planes bombed several Indo-Chinese localities, the official statement says that as reprisal Indo-Chinese aircraft "dropped bombs on an equivalent number of Siamese localities."

The statement concludes: "The Government of Thailand will doubtless not delay in reducing to order these unfortunate excursions of pirates or leaders of military units at a distance from Bangkok."—Reuter.

## LITTLE AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique issued last evening stated: "Enemy activity during to-day has been confined to a small number of single aircraft. Some of these penetrated into East Anglia and south-east England. A few bombs are reported in these areas but they caused little damage and few casualties."—British Wireless.

## EXTRALITY IN CHINA TO GO WHEN WAR IS OVER

THE BRITISH AND American Governments have agreed in principle to relinquish their extraterritorial rights in China at the end of Sino-Japanese hostilities, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Foreign Minister, revealed in a speech at the Weekly Memorial Service yesterday morning.

Dr. Wang declared that Japan's ostrich policy will hasten her downfall and expedite the realisation of China's war aims, namely, maintenance of her racial existence and national independence and preservation of international justice as well as the abolition of the unequal treaties.

Dr. Wang said that Japan's alliance with the Axis Powers had failed to intimidate Britain and America and had also failed to extricate her from the China quagmire. Japan's signing of a so-called treaty with Wang Ching-wei was an attempt to deceive herself that the China war had been settled.

Meanwhile, America, Britain and Russia have increased their material and financial assistance to China and have reiterated that Chungking is China's recognised National Government.

"The fact is that America, Britain and Russia, who are vitally interested in the future of the Pacific, have cooperated with China in checking Japanese aggression," Dr. Wang pointed out. Dr. Wang declared that Mr. Sumner Welles and Mr. Winston Churchill have agreed to discuss the abolition of American and British extraterritorial rights in China under peaceful conditions. With the passing of extraterritoriality, Dr. Wang said, China will discard her semi-colonial status but China will definitely refrain from any anti-foreign action.—Central News.

## WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone over China has increased considerably in intensity, pressure remaining highest over Mongolia.

A depression covers the eastern part of the Sea of Japan. Pressure remains relatively low between the Visaya and Caroline Islands.

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# TWO LONG RAIDS ON BERLIN

Kiel, Frankfurt-On-Main And Bremen Also Attacked

## Targets In Capital Systematically Bombed In Force

"AN ATTACK ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT TARGETS IN THE BERLIN AREA, INCLUDING RAILWAYS, FACTORIES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES," WAS MENTIONED IN AN R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE YESTERDAY DESCRIBING SUNDAY NIGHT'S ACTIVITIES.

Smaller forces of the R.A.F. bombed the inland port of Frankfurt-on-Main and neighbouring targets, while the Kiel shipyards and Bremen were also attacked.

The communique adds that during the course of the operations R.A.F. bombers observed two enemy merchant vessels off the French coast and attacked, scoring direct hits on both. No British aircraft are missing.

Amplifying the communique, the Air Ministry news service says that railway communications, munition factories and power plants were attacked by British heavy bombers which were over Berlin on Sunday night and the early hours of Monday morning.

The first of our bombers reached Berlin just before 9 p.m. Despite cloud, some of the pilots in the early raids found what they were seeking immediately while others had to make their way to alternative targets. Nevertheless our pilots recognised and attacked several factories and railway targets.

### Second Series

Next series of raids began at 3 a.m. and lasted well over an hour. The weather was then much better and visibility excellent.

Power stations, railway junctions and godown yards were now the chief objectives.

A stick of heavy high explosive bombs fell right in the centre of a railway junction and immediately started fires which were still increasing as our aircraft left.

At another junction, where some of the heaviest bombs were dropped, there were bursts all along the sidings.

### Cloud Of Smoke

A great cloud of black smoke rose high in the air while debris was flung even higher by the explosions.

Two large fires were started at one power station.

Smaller forces of bombers attacked the west harbour at Frankfurt, where there is a great collection of warehouses, factories, grain elevators and oil plants, for well over two hours.

The free port of Bremen was also attacked.—Reuter.

### Tantalising Moon

Right across Germany, the sky had been clear but when within four miles of Berlin pilots came into cloud which thickened as they flew over the city.

During these early raids some pilots were tantalised by a bright moon which seemed to be waiting to light up the ground for them if only the clouds would part at the right moment.

The bulletin proceeds: "Despite these obstacles our pilots recognised and attacked several factories and railway targets.—British Warplane."

### R.A.F. OFFICER A PRISONER

Pilot-Officer Leslie Frederick Gregory is a prisoner of war in Italy, it was announced in Rome, says Reuter.

## STEFANI GIVES IT A WEEK

"The battle in Libya will last for another week," announced Stefani, the official Italian agency, yesterday.

"Italian troops, with those in reserve, are enough to meet the situation," it went on—apparently in reply to speculation as to whether or not Italy would risk sending reinforcements there.

Stefani also praises the British—who only a short while ago were "decadent" and "on the verge of collapse"—and says:—

"We are proud to fight against such imposing forces of the British Empire."—Reuter.

## LLOYD GEORGE VISITS NO. 10

MR. LLOYD GEORGE CALLED ON MR. CHURCHILL AT 10, DOWNING STREET, YESTERDAY.

He remained with the Prime Minister for some time.—Reuter.

## FALL OF TEPELINI NOW REGARDED AS IMMINENT

Another Italian general has been taken by the Greeks in the fighting in Albania.

An Athens report yesterday said that a general, a colonel and other officers had been taken prisoner or fell in battle during the capture of a height in the southern sector. Another height of strategic importance was also taken.

## EXCUSES PROVIDED IN ADVANCE

"The greatest colonial battle in history," is how "Giornale d'Italia" yesterday described the military operations in North Africa.

Significantly emphasising British strength in North Africa, the newspaper declared: "The British Command has launched in battle 300,000 men from the four corners of the Empire, and 800 armoured cars and tanks."

It adds: "With such powerful means the most powerful Empire in the world believes it can render hors-de-combat one of the peoples of the Axis."

The Greeks are maintaining pressure at all other points and are attacking with violence.

Many prisoners are being taken, together with considerable quantities of war materials.

One report from the front says that reinforcements from Italy are being flung straight into battle without preliminary organisation—a possible indication of Italian weakening.

The Italians are finding it increasingly difficult to make full use of the port of Valona, which is being raided incessantly by the R.A.F. Much damage is reported to have been caused and the supply problems causing the Italians grave anxiety.

A further Greek advance toward Tepelini is reported, and the fall of this important town is now regarded as imminent.

The Greeks are moving to outflank the Italian line of defence in this sector.—Reuter.

Replies to a question by an American journalist, who spoke of the advantages to Britain of a separate peace with Italy, "Giornale d'Italia" declared: "Italy is unshakably at its fighting post, and won't withdraw."



Members of the Benedictine Community at Prinknash Monastery near Gloucester, have ploughed up thirty acres of land and are now busy harvesting the potato crop. Photo shows the monks collecting potatoes. (Copyright, Fox).

## BLINDED, HE LANDED FOR ALLY 'PLANE

AN R.A.F. PILOT WHO HAD FLOWN FOUR MACHINES IN A DAY AND BROUGHT DOWN FOUR GERMAN S. WAS WOUNDED IN THE EYE BY A BULLET.

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But thinking that some one else could use the machine if he were unable to do so, he made a perfect landing.

And then he fell unconscious from the plane.

Air-Marshal Sir Arthur S. Barratt told this story, during a talk with aircraft workers in a south-east area.

GERMAN SOLDIERS IN BRUSSELS SALUTE BELGIAN RESERVE OFFICERS RETURNING FROM PRISON CAMPS BUT DO NOT SALUTE ITALIAN AIR FORCE OFFICERS, ACCORDING TO THE FREE BELGIAN NEWS AGENCY IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Although Belgian prisoners of war are now being released, their return is taking a long time.

The agency also reports that food shops in Belgium are closed owing to the shortage of supplies and it is believed local authorities will have to undertake the distribution of primary foodstuffs.—Reuter.

Colonel William J. Donovan has arrived in Britain by air from Lisbon and is in London.—Reuter.

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THURSDAY

JANE WITHERS in "SHOOTING HIGH"

# CHAPLIN BURLESQUE ON THE PAINS NAZIS

Charlie Chaplin's film "The Dictator," which is now amusing audiences in London, has annoyed the Germans.

"Deutschlandsender," the German radio station, yesterday told the German people that "Charlie Chaplin's hate-propaganda film will hardly be able to bolster up Churchill's bad mood with its silly jokes."

Mr. Churchill's annoyance, says the Nazi radio, is "likely to be greater than his ability to be entertained" by his "flat-footed friends' jokes."

Mr. Churchill's "black mood" was supposed to have come on through shipping losses. The German Radio gave an exaggerated account of shipping losses and made no reference at all to British and Greek victories.

This is in accordance with the new Nazi propaganda decision. Now that the Axis plan in the Balkans and Egypt have been torn to tatters, the German people are again being told that the war will only be won in Britain.

## House Of Cards

The newspaper "Frankfurter Zeitung" even referred yesterday to the possibility of an Italian collapse like a house of cards.

The German paper expresses the hope that Italy will resist, but offers no prospect of German assistance except to say that the Reich will relieve Italy by constant attacks on Britain.

This is in startling contrast with an article the previous day in the "Völkische Beobachter," which maintained that there was no cause for anxiety and poured scorn on the assumption that Germany will leave Italy in the lurch.

This confusion of propaganda is taken in London as a clear indication of the confusion of policy caused by the failure of plans to drive into the Near East with Italian collaboration, together with Germany's inability to help Italy without involving both Axis partners in difficulties and risks they do not want to face.—Reuter.

## WHEN FIRE-BOMBS FELL ON CONVENT

Sister's Narrow Escape

Although Sister Daniels got up at 6 a.m., as usual, in her cell in a Liverpool convent and went to Mass, there were two good reasons why nobody would have been surprised if she hadn't—

—Only a few hours earlier, a fire-bomb, crashing through the convent roof, had fallen within a few yards of the bed in which she was sleeping; and—

—Sister Daniels is 100 years old.

She only woke up when firemen ran into the convent to deal with a salvo of bombs. Even then she lay in bed and watched them stamp out the flames.

When a reporter spoke to her in the afternoon, workmen were piling burned-out bomb cases on the kitchen table. She halted in her knitting to watch them, then said, "What was the use of worrying? The firemen knew what to do."

## SNATCH GAS MASKS

Gas mask snatchers — thieves who cut respirator straps from business girls' shoulders in raid rush hours—are setting London's police a problem.

To save carrying both a gas mask and handbag, many girls carry their money in mask cases.

They should beware of the snatcher.

He is to be found clinking round tube train entrances or busy bus stops watching for likely victims.

A large number of cases where young women have been robbed of their hard-earned wages on their way home have been reported to the police and plain clothes men have been detailed to keep a look-out for the snatchers.

Siren bandits are another new menace.

This meanest type of petty thieving goes on where whole families leave their homes to spend the night in public shelters.

Thieves break into deserted houses and steal anything from tea rations to jewellery.

## MACHINE-GUNNING OF BOYS

SAVAGE MACHINE-GUN ATTACKS ON BRITAIN WERE CARRIED OUT BY GERMAN PLANES YESTERDAY.

Their "targets" included an East Coast light ship, a town in East Anglia, a railway train, and boys cycling to school.

Some of the boys were injured. —Reuter.

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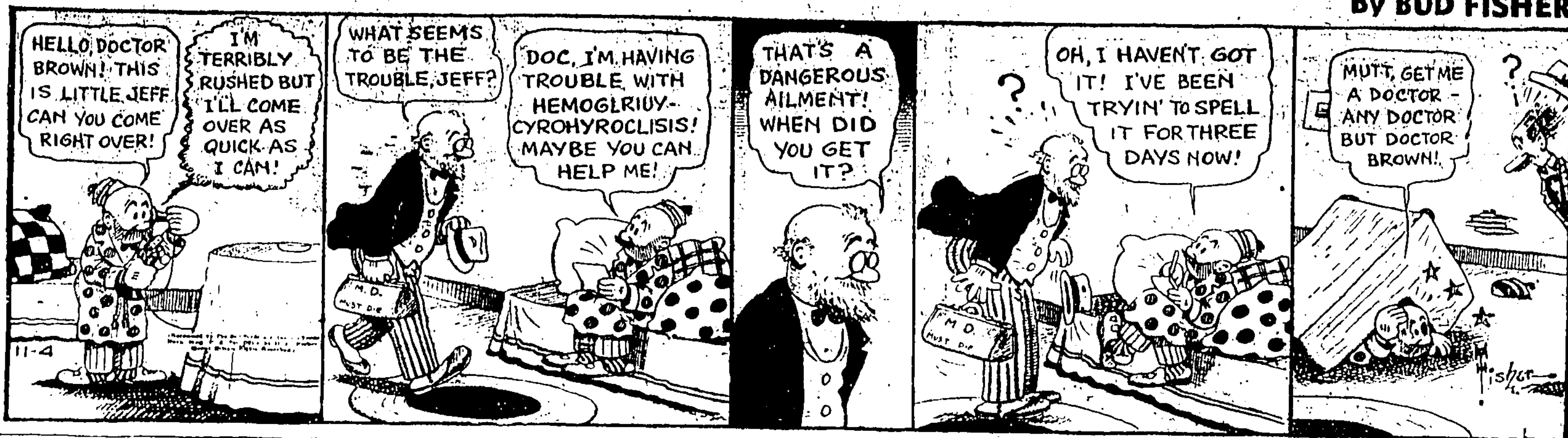
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## DESERTED SHIP—FINE, GAOL

A charge against two seamen brought under the Defence Regulations was heard in camera at Thames Police Court at the request of Mr. Vincent Evans (for the Director of Public Prosecution).

The court was reopened for the public to hear the magistrate's decision.

The men were Frederick George Almond, twenty-three, of Sandford Street, Birkenhead, and Henry Holmes, twenty-three, of Wood Street, Birkenhead, both trimmers, and they were charged with being absent from their ship, without leave.

Almond was fined £10 or one month, and Holmes was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

The magistrate (Mr. John Harris) said: "You two men have pleaded guilty to deserting your ship when she was in a port ready to join a convoy bringing food to this country."

"You went ashore, having been warned that the ship was due to sail, and although you returned to the ship later you lost the convoy, and the ship and the food intended for this country were delayed considerably."

## London Lists Raid Damage

THE EMBASSIES of the United States, Spain, and Japan and the London headquarters of the Governments of Australia, South Africa and Southern Rhodesia have been damaged in air raids, it was disclosed in a list of places authorised for publication.

The list, which contained dozens of famous buildings, streets, squares and districts which have been announced as damaged from time to time, included such places as the Associated Press of America Building, Austin Reed, a men's store, the Bank of England, where a bomb fell nearby, Berkeley Square, Berwick Market, Berwick Street, Bond Street, Bourne and Hollingsworth, a West End Department store, the British Museum courtyard, Bruton Street, Buckingham Palace, Burlington Arcade, Burlington Gardens, and Burlington Home in Piccadilly. Continuing, the list disclosed damage to Carnaby Street, Charterhouse Clinic, Chelsea, Christ's Church at Westminster Bridge Road; Church of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington; County Hall Westminster; the "Daily Herald" Office, District Headquarters of the American Ambulance Unit at Tunbridge Wells, Kent; D. H. Evans, a West End department store; Elephant and Castle district; Eltham Palace; "Evening Standard" office; Ford showroom at Regent

Street, Fulham; Great Ormond Street Hospital, Guildhall, where a bomb fell nearby; Hogarth's House of Lords.

Varying degrees of damage were done to the Imperial War Museum, Indian Students Hostel, Inner Temple Library, Islington Parish Church, Italian Tourist Company, the Japanese Embassy, evacuated owing to time bomb; Jewin Chapel, John Lewis, another West End department store; Lambeth Palace, Lambeth Walk Market, Law Courts, London Hospital, Madame Tussaud's wax works, Maddox Street, Marylebone, Mayfair, the New Statesman and Nation Office, Oxford Street, Park Lane, Peter Robinson's, a West End department store, Piccadilly and Piccadilly Hotel, Port of London Authority Docks, Public Records Office.

The authorised list, although giving no details as to the extent of damage done, also recorded damage to Queen Mary's Hospital, Radnor House, Regent Street, Rotten Row, Royal Arcade, St. Augustine Church at Watling Street; St. Clemens Church, in East Cheap; St. Dunstan's Headquarters, St. Dunstan's in the East, St. Giles at Cripplegate; St. John the Evangelist at Smith Square; St. Magnus the Martyr, St. Margaret's at Westminster; St. Mary-at-the-Hill, St. Mary Woolnoth, St. Paul's Churchyard, St. Swinburn's at Church Street; St. Thomas's Hospital in Savile Row; Selfridge's well-known Oxford Street department store; Sloane House, Spanish Embassy, Belgrave Square, Statue of Richard Coeur de Lion at Old Palace; Swiss Relief Centre at Fitzroy Square; the Tate Gallery, Trinity College of Music, University College Library, Wallace Collection Courtyard, Westminster Abbey, and Westminster Hall.

[A news photograph taken recently in London disclosed that the office of "The Times" sustained damage in a recent raid which left a hole in the front of the building and blew out all of the windows.]

## HARD LABOUR FOR LOOTER

A man who stole a child's dressing-gown from a house which had been wrecked by a bomb during an air raid was sentenced to one month's hard labour at a south of England police court.

The man, Lewis Hopgood, aged forty-one, was stated to have picked up the dressing-gown from a pile of clothing salvaged by the owner.

A police superintendent pointed out that anyone who stole articles left exposed or unprotected by war operations was liable to death or penal servitude for life.

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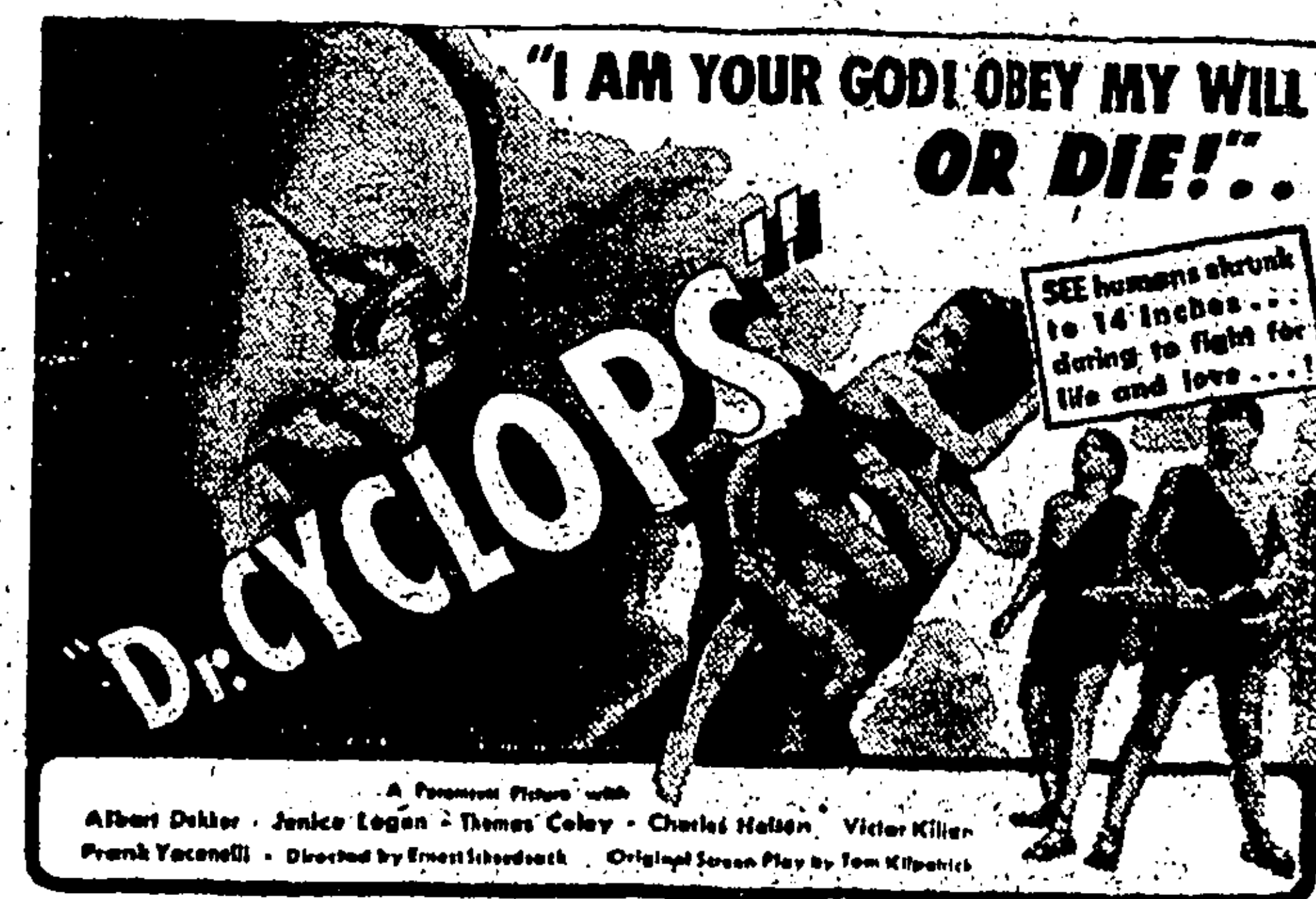
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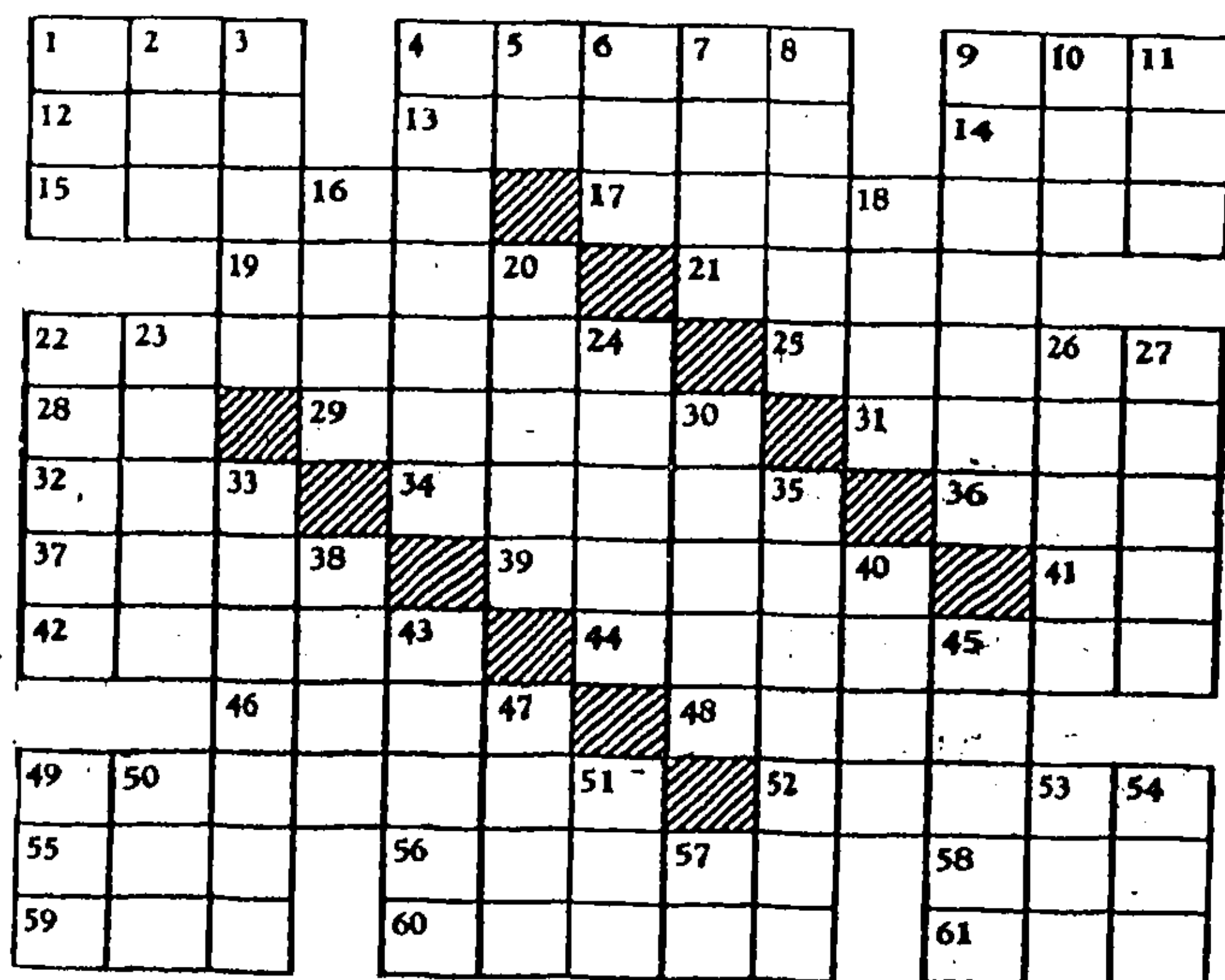
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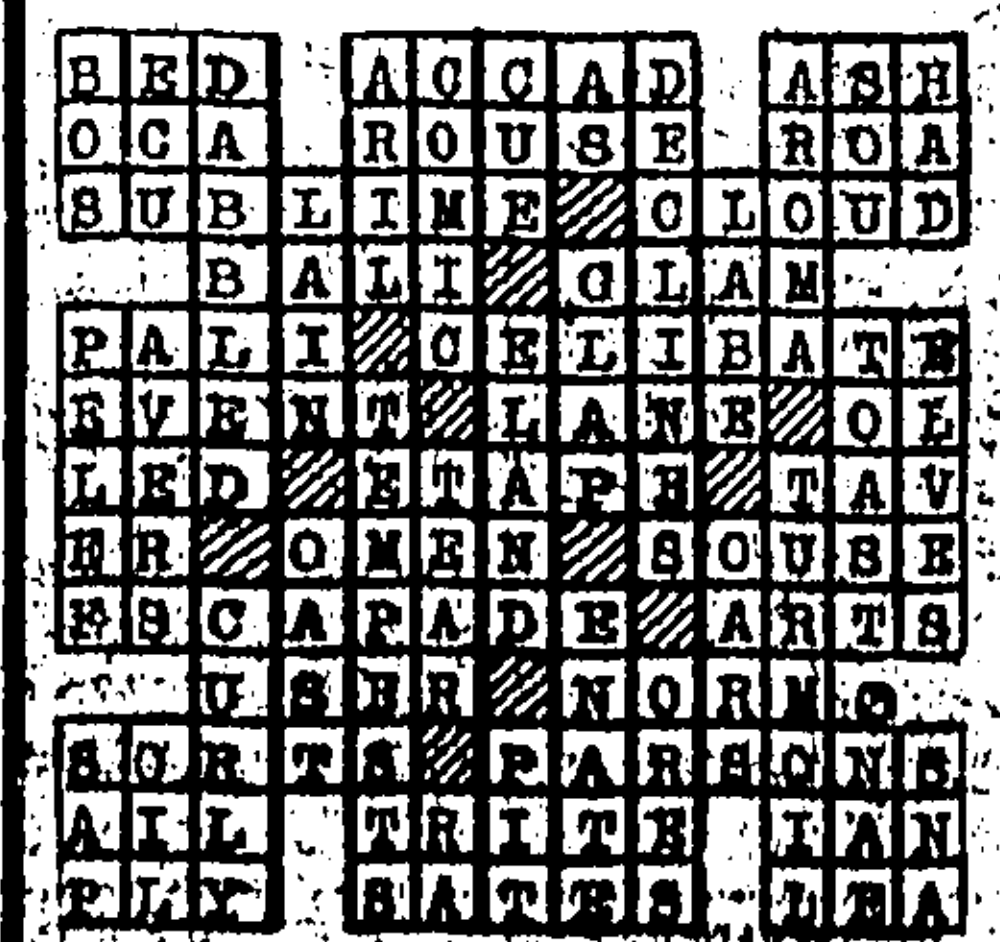
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19 Large, heavy umbrella  
21 South American tuber  
22 Basket  
25 To alter  
29 Printer's measure  
30 To scold  
32 Swift Malay sian vessel  
33 Mineral  
35 Prophet  
37 Atmosphere  
38 Turkish regiment  
40 To shoot from cover  
42 Symbol for selenium  
43 Looks ambiguously

45 Breathed violently  
47 Lofly mountain  
49 Certain  
50 Feast  
54 Russian ruler  
57 Eggs  
58 Fruit  
60 French coin  
61 To plead  
62 Withered  
63 Female sheep

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1 Convulsive sigh  
2 Wise bird  
3 To condescend  
4 Ornamental plant  
5 Above  
6 Drink  
7 Reverberation  
8 Tranquility

9 Sleeveless garment  
10 Also  
11 Tree  
16 Without  
18 Sloping walk  
20 Pares  
22 Corolla leaf  
23 Feeble-minded  
24 Checks  
26 Period of time  
27 Clamour  
28 Ventured  
31 Showers  
34 Scotch for "no"  
36 Issued copiously  
39 Mesopotamia  
41 Is mistaken  
44 Strips of type metal  
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TASK FOR DOMINIONS  
IN THE WAR EFFORT

**BROADCASTING** in the overseas transmission from London last night, Mr. George Gibson, immediate past Chairman of the Trade Union Congress, spoke of the great work done and to be done by British working people and told those in the Dominions how best they could help in the war effort.

The staggering blow of the French collapse and the consequent British evacuation of Belgium, Mr. Gibson said, resulted in the loss of practically all the Expeditionary Force's war equipment and it became necessary to start afresh.

The task was a colossal one—the invasion threat to meet lost material to replace the Air Force to be expanded at lightning speed, the Navy to be strengthened. In order to speed up production more workers had to be trained.

"I tell you frankly, looking back upon those dark anxious months, that we accomplished miracles of improvisation and intensive work.

It is not a thing to boast about. One's feeling is one of profound thankfulness that we were able to do what we have done in so short a space of time with such thoroughness and without resort to methods of compulsion and coercion. It wasn't done by dictatorship."

## Assured Victory

That period of intensive activity, Mr. Gibson said, proved the capacity of the British people, tested their methods of government and invented almost on the spur of the moment the apparatus of industrial management and social and economic administration which assured Britain's ultimate victory.

"Gradually our efforts at home, in combination with the response of the overseas Dominions and assisted by the United States, have enabled us to prepare for passing from a purely defensive policy to a general offensive in all theatres of war."

Realising everything they struggled for was at stake in this momentous contest the British Trade Unions were prepared to sacrifice their rights and privileges until the war was won.

Mr. Gibson said of course air raids interfered with production but the British blows on the German war industry were heavier than Nazi blows on British.

"From now on the weight of our blows will grow heavier and heavier and the internal problems of the Dictators will become more and more acute.

Every boxer knows you cannot hope to win victories without taking a hiding now and again.

## "Taking It"

We have had our share of 'taking it' and while we must anticipate further vigorous attacks we face the future with confidence. From now on we shall be handing it out as well as taking it.

That is where the overseas Dominions and friends can best assist.

Your towns are beyond the reach of the bombing aeroplane. Your communications remain uninterrupted. Your factories can work a 24-hour day. Your workers can sleep in bed at nights.

If you will apply yourselves to the production of implements of war and the provision of shipping tonnage for transport then, with the growth and development of the Dominions' war potential in men and weapons, with the continued practical goodwill of the United States and the increasing flow of supplies from that great industrial reservoir, we derive deepening confidence that wriggle as they may we shall eventually pin down and destroy these enemies of humanity as personified by Mussolini and Hitler." — British Wireless.

Jewellery, to the value of \$180, was stolen from a hut in Sa Po Village, Au Tau, on Saturday.

## THE XMAS JOINT

Every effort is being made by the authorities to ensure an adequate supply of "Christmas joints."

Although many families will be separated and many more will have members working on war production there is every expectation that people will celebrate as festively as possible.

The Food Ministry stated yesterday that road and rail transport operatives, with the help of dockers, are overcoming considerable difficulties from total warfare, their task having been rendered both difficult and dangerous by the black-out.—British Wireless.

FUNK AS PROBABLE  
CAUSE OF DEATHNot Guilty Verdict In  
Manslaughter Case

AFTER A RETIREMENT of ten minutes, a Jury to-day found Wu Kwong-ju, a Chinese soldier internee, Not Guilty of the manslaughter of a fellow internee at the Argyle Street Camp on October 28.

The case was heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions, and Mr. J. P. Murphy, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector Carey, prosecuted. The following composed the jury: Messrs. F. C. Grant, (foreman) Sou Zen-chang, Lai Fung-king, Wong Hay, A. A. Noronha, Campmen Chan and Chui Kwan-chee.

Mr. Murphy said that accused and deceased were both internees at the Argyle Street Internment camp. At about 5 p.m. on October 25, accused went to another internee, Tso Chui-po, and told him to ask Wong Shui-ting, deceased, about an accusation that had been made.

Tso tried to pacify him and said Wong had mentioned no names.

At about 6.10, accused went to Hut No. 13, where deceased was and asked him directly to whom he was referring when he made certain remarks. Wong said they did not refer to him.

Words were exchanged, Wong got up and caught accused by the wrist. On this, accused struck him a blow with his clenched fist on the left temple.

Wong swayed and was about to fall but he was helped by some friends and taken out of the hut. He was taken to hospital. He returned to the camp but in the evening, started vomiting blood and sank into a semi-conscious state.

He was again taken to hospital and operated upon, but died the next morning.

## Thin Skull

The cause of death was hemorrhage and laceration of the brain. Medical evidence would show that deceased had an extraordinarily thin skull.

COLD WAVE  
HITS PEIPING

Peiping has been in the grip of a cold snap accompanied by blinding snowfalls since yesterday morning. The mercury has dropped four degrees below freezing point. — Central News.

SABOTAGE  
IN SYRIA

THE NOMINATION OF GENERAL DENTZ AS FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SYRIA AND LEBANON HAS CAUSED SOME RESTLESSNESS IN THESE TERRITORIES, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION REACHING THE FREE FRENCH NEWS AGENCY IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Sabotage on railways and in factories is reported while despite the severe censorship, General de Gaulle's latest appeal was distributed throughout Syria and Lebanon.

It is also noteworthy, according to the Free French Agency, that the present restlessness coincides with the recasting of the administrative services in the mandated territory. — Reuter.

LAD SENT  
TO PRISON

A 16-year-old boy was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., this morning, for stealing a fountain pen from Mr. C. Johnson, Chief Officer of a British ship in harbour, yesterday.

Mr. Johnson was walking in Queen's Road Central yesterday afternoon when accused snatched the fountain pen from his upper jacket pocket. Acting Sub-Inspector Gwyn prosecuted.



# CHINA MAIL

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## THIS FREEDOM

A high constitutional authority has said that the most important hour in any Legislative Assembly in the world is question time in the House of Commons. There we have daily the Grand Inquest of the Nation on which in the simplest way Parliament performs its immemorial function of listening to complaints and redressing grievances. If one asks why the proceedings of Congress do not interest the American public in anything like the same degree that those of the British Parliament do the British people, a large part of the answer is that owing to the differences in constitutional practice, the American Congress lacks this contact with the daily life of the people. The reports of question-time in the House of Commons since the war began, show conclusively that in protecting British constitutional liberties, the survival of this feature has alone been of high value.

A Free Parliament and a Free Press remaining in active existence, though submitting voluntarily to the necessary discipline of war, are now the chief outward and visible signs that we present to the world of our faith in liberty and democracy. That they should remain in being and command a high measure of public respect is the main guarantee of the pledge which the Prime Minister authorised Sir Archibald Sinclair to broadcast that it was the policy of Government "to preserve in all essentials a free Parliament and a free Press, that all those emergency measures which restrict the liberty of the subject shall disappear with the passing of the emergency, and that the new offences created by regulations under the Emergency Powers Act and the extraordinary powers entrusted to the Executive will vanish with the advent of victory and peace."

There is a gloomy speculation which represents democracy as helplessly caught in a trap by war. Either, it is argued, it will be defeated in war or destroy itself in winning a war. The Prime Minister shows the way out of this supposed impasse. If Parliament permitted itself to be extinguished in war, to be silenced or fall into desuetude on the order of the Executive, the recovery of its liberties at the end of the war would be a slow and painful, perhaps impossible, task for a long period to come. But Parliament which has pre-

It was a starlit night, and not a breath of wind was stirring, was the scream of a small child. I was awakened by a scream. It

I thought at first he was having a nightmare, then, as I became fully awake, I realised that his scream was accompanied by a louder, wilder scream outside; the banshee wail of the air raid siren going over the dark countryside.

Doors opened in the lonely old house. Voices called and whispered. Glow-worm pools of torchlight on landings showed women struggling into overcoats or pulling flannel trousers over pyjamas.

In the nursery, a boy of three sat in his cot trembling and bewildered, asking what the horrible sound was.

He was told that it was a beautiful new chu-chu with a lot of red carriages; and that appeared to satisfy him.

With the pathetic readiness of a child to be deceived by those he trusts, he calmed down and was wrapped in a blanket and carried into the night, across the paved terrace into a hole in the hill-side.

I felt admiration for the courage and the ingenuity of women.

### A Lovely Game

"Isn't it a lovely game, darling?" I heard one say, as dark forms flitted like ghosts in the starlight. "Yes," said the child doubtfully. The hideous wail of the siren had died away to be succeeded by an intense stillness. Yes; I could hear, high up, the hum of aircraft.

It was humiliating to think that, up there near the stars, some impulse, or even a sudden jolt, might cause the finger of a young German to press the bomb-release at the precise moment when the curve of descent would land his cargo of death on this dear and harmless home.

I felt anger rising: blast Hitler, and blast the German people who love such gods.

A dog frisked round me, leaping and whimpering with pleasure, thinking what a good sport I was to get up in the middle of the night.

A voice called to me from the hill:

"Whatever are you doing? Have you switched off the light?"

### Tasty Sausage

No; I hadn't. I turned to the dark and empty house, now looking utterly doomed, as it had

By H.V. Morton

only a moment to live, and, by the light of my torch, went to the kitchen and flung over the switches.

I opened a cupboard and saw some cold sausages on a plate. I began to eat one.

The clock said it was fifteen minutes past two. The sausage tasted very good.

Suddenly, I felt my hand jerk up, and the sausage missed its way to my mouth, as an explosion shook the windows: a sound like a gigantic load of coal being un-tipped.

I felt alone and afraid. Why was I lingering about like this? I must get away.

With nerves stretched to meet another explosion, which I felt must come at any moment I went swiftly through the house, out into the pale starlight and across to the dug-out in the hill.

The bank rose, dark and shaggy. Thin stems of foxgloves leaned out of long grass and nettles.

As I drew near, a strange and improbable sound came out of the earth; and I was reminded of Irish fairy-tales. I heard a thin merry tinkle of music from the hill, and the sound of singing:—

Ba, ba black sheep,  
Have you any wool?  
Yes sir, yes sir,  
Three bags full . . .

I entered the dug-out and saw a sight which might have met the eyes of an early Christian in the Catacombs.

In the long, narrow, tomb-like place, my household sat round the child. Upon the floor stood an old nursery gramophone, from whose reluctant vitals proceeded the hearty voice of Uncle Mack of Children's Hour.

My God, what a children's hour!

"Be careful what you say," I was warned. "He's forgotten the s-i-r-e-n."

"Was that a b-o-m-b or a g-u-n?" someone asked me, spelling the words, so that the child should not seize on them and associate them with fear.

"It was a b-o-m-b," I felt back.

"Surely those were G-e-r-m-a-n planes — the high up ones—as we came in?"

"Yes! they were G-e-r-m-a-n."

"Noise! Noise!" said the child suspiciously, remembering again the ogre-like scream of the siren; and we flung ourselves into an ecstasy of normality in order to chase his little mind away from the boundaries of reality, knowing that so young and small a thing had no right to trespass into our bloody world.

"Now let's play pat-a-cake!" said someone with a firm, astringent voice, and soon the clammy catacomb echoed to the clapping of hands.

"Isn't it a lovely dug-out?"

"Yes; a lovely dug-out," agreed the child with wide blue eyes. "Lovely dug-out!"

### Dear Old Thunder

"Gosh! That was near!"

The earth shook.

"Only thunder," said the child happily.

"Yes, of course, only thunder . . . dear, funny old thunder," we replied. And we looked at each other, knowing that death was casually roaming about overhead, near the stars.

It is the casualness of death from the air that is so infuriating. You do not kill even blackbeetles by dropping a flat-iron on them.

"Civilisation, 1940," I thought, would be a grand title for us, as we sat in the morgue-like tomb.

When I looked out, I saw the lovely light of a new day trembling in the east. The grass was turning green again, and the fields were gold with wheat or white with barley.

The fantasy of that night seemed dispelled. We were like people who had been living under an evil spell, now broken by the welling upward of a new day.

And, even as I looked, there came the sound of the "all clear"; and I went inside and told them.

The child was asleep. We carried him to the house and slid him into his cot; and then went back to bed.

In the morning, or rather later in the morning, we learned that "some damage had been done to farm buildings," and that the "loss of life was negligible."

Whose farm, we wondered; and whose negligible life?

# Why Bachelors Stay That Way

Between the ages of 20 and 27 man is most susceptible. He'll plunge in headlong, eyes blind. But after 27, scepticism sets in along with "Reasonable Hours" and the bachelor goes into hibernation. He becomes as shy of marriage as buying a new hat—WHY?

AFTER 27 the male begins to use his head, and it will take an expert indeed to beat down his gaudy ideas.

Bank manager or on-the-dole, all bachelors have fixed obsessions of the worst things that can happen to them.

LOSING HIS FRIENDS . . . At bachelor dinners the bridegroom is always spoken of in the past tense. "What a good fellow he used to be!" "Didn't we have fun in the old days?" All this, of course, is a good joke, but it firmly fixes in a bachelor's mind that the bridegroom will never see his friends again and that marriage is as final as going to war.

WRONG CHOICE . . . A bachelor can't make up his mind on any one girl. The girls he couldn't live without ten years ago have changed so much that now he wouldn't be caught out with them. He squirms at his narrow escape. How does he know that to-day's choice may not be to-morrow's mistake. He may be drawn between a young girl with slender charms, or a dowager with a fat bank account. He's afraid that either choice may be a wrong one so he doesn't choose.

MARRYING A BRIDGE CLUB . . . is a big proposition. Will he come home every evening to find a bevy of women in complete occupation of his living-room like the Soviets in Poland?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HIS POSSESSIONS? The bachelor collects all sorts of junk, under the general heading of hobbies and souvenirs: Class pictures, whisky

served, the essentials of freedom and used its powers in such a way as to carry the support and respect of the public will be irresistible when it demands the restoration of its liberties.

bottles, old magazines, are all a part of his precious sanctum sanctorum. With the invasion of a woman, man sees all these cherished belongings whisked into the hall closet for "safe keeping," to be replaced in prompt order by glass gadgets, white lamp-shades, and fluffy nothings.

HIS WIFE LETTING HERSELF GO . . . as soon as she is safely and securely married, wearing the same old half-do in spite of any new styles that might come along, and making his marriage as dated as a 1929 car.

HAVING TWINS IN THE FAMILY . . . may be a feat which would make him understandably proud, but the prospect of a family of four on his hands after the first year makes him doubly cautious. He sees the serenity of his home upset by a long series of howls, food formulas, diapers, clothes lines, clothes pins, and warming milk bottles.

HIS SAVINGS GO UP IN SMOKE . . . and disappear like Free Lunch in Scotland with the money he's been saving for fishing rods, vacations, golf clubs, and old age. They vanish overnight into brown linoleum, a gas stove and a three-piece suite.

BEING FOUND OUT . . . is one of the most unfortunate moments in a love affair or marriage. When the little lady stops coming about really "understanding him" and begins seeing through his alibis it's a sure sign she has his number. It's a plain signal that he's no longer the dashing Don Juan of courtship days, but the plodding John Smith of marriage days.

PROPOSING . . . at all terrifies a man. He never suffers more agonised suspense as during the few minutes when he is waiting for a girl's answer to a proposal she has been waiting for years for him to make.

HIS PRIVATE THOUGHTS . . . become an open book when a curious little lady begins prodding him with questions, and poking into his mental corners. He sees himself punching a time clock for even his most intimate thoughts and "unimportant activities." He

likes to keep at least some things to himself. That's why he joins Secret Societies and hides in his club. They give a man something to keep to himself (besides his pipe).

RUNNING A BOARDING HOUSE . . . for his wife's relatives is a formidable thought for any bachelor who may be barely used to keeping one room under control. A mother-in-law may drop in for tea and stay for the winter—and spend it prying with bird-like curiosity into closets and dusty corners. A brother-in-law, hoping to be set up in business, parks himself on them until he "gets on his own feet." The thought of coming home every evening to an elongated table of hungry relatives is a scary prospect to a bachelor who may be as brave as a lion at his office or the Grand Sachem at the lodge.

A MEAL TICKET . . . He's heard that women plan marriage like going to market to buy a cabbage. He's scared he'll be the cabbage that some woman slices up to see if he can feed the family.

A PUNCTURED EGO . . . frightens bachelors thinking of marriage. Very often a bachelor thinks of himself as a Tyrone Power and his success with the lady of his choice due to no less than his irresistible charm. It would shock him to death to really find out that his success was not so much due to his charms as the fact that the little lady was just beginning to question the desirability of a lifetime behind file cases anyway.

HAVING SOMEONE TO TALK TO INCESSANTLY . . . He wonders if he can think of something interesting to say to a woman every day of his life—or if they will just sit and stare at each other.

BEING DOMINATED . . . is the most common marital fear of all bachelors. It keeps more men away from the altar than locked church doors. The bachelor is afraid the sweet little feminine whom he might become a little dictator overnight, partition his cherished belongings and wage mechanised war with a vacuum cleaner on everything he wanted left alone. He sees himself as a minority, relegated to a den from

which he would be conscripted to fill in at bridge or negotiate a non-aggression pact with the outraged cook.

THE FINANCIAL SWEEPSTAKES . . . have a bachelor. He sees it as a race run between heckled husbands to see who can afford the longest automobile, the biggest front lawn and the most expensive fur coat. BEING TIED DOWN . . .

promptly puts away in mothballs all the Errol Flynn adventures most bachelors plan to have. He's scared to death of designing females in ruffles and taffeta who talk about regular meals and an anchorage. He's more scared of a "homebody" than a dozen rattlesnakes and thinks of marriage as making his life's adventures no more than a series of leaks in the roof and furnace trouble.

AN ARMY OF CREDITORS . . . swooping down on his doorstep to attach his furniture is a regular bachelor's nightmare. As a bachelor he just manages to keep out of debt, but married he'd feel as unbalanced as the Federal budget in election year.

A SUDDEN METAMORPHOSIS . . . of the lady of his dreams. He's afraid that the soignée woman who made his heart stop beating might change into the kind of frumpy fright he's seen laying down the law to a bewildered husband.

TURNING INTO A BUTLER . . . for some young lady who, once married, will relax and fully expect to coast through life on a wave of luxury. He sees himself donning an apron and cooking his breakfast, airing the dog and dashing off to the office to make the wherewithal to meet the bills.

HIS WIFE BEING SMARTER THAN HE . . . might turn out to be the case. Man is afraid to play second fiddle to a woman. Suppose after marriage she continued to be Miss Jones, Head of the Staff, earning more than he; while his salary just takes care of the gas bill. Or suppose she were the up-and-coming president of the local garden club—while he still believed that the Hardy Asters were the new next-door neighbours, and the peonies, the workers of Mexico.

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## British Mobile Units Sweeping Over Libyan Frontier

MARSHAL GRAZIANI'S TROOPS ARE STRONGLY ENTRENCHED AT SOLLUM, WHICH IS JUST INSIDE EGYPT, AND BRITISH FORCES HAVE ENCIRCLED THEM, AND ARE SWEEPING ON ACROSS THE LIBYAN FRONTIER, IT WAS STATED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT.

Meanwhile the R.A.F. continues to hammer the enemy's bases, including Bardia, which may be the next objective of the Army of the Nile.

Reuter's special correspondent with the Army recounts a vivid story told him of a trip of five days across the Western Desert by a band of picked Australian cameramen trying to catch up with the Imperial troops.

The story was told by Captain Frank Hurley, official cameraman with the Australian forces in the Near East, who has made a complete film record of the offensive. Capt. Hurley, who acted as official photographer in France in the last war and made five trips to the South Pole with Shackleton and Mawson, described how, after driving 40 miles, they found a camp full of some 2,000 miserable Libyan prisoners guarded by a score of Tommies.

### Moved On

A sergeant-major was watering the prisoners in batches of 20 from a disused Roman well cut in solid rock.

Capt. Hurley described Nibelwa camp as an unforgettable sight, silent as the grave. Everybody had moved on except two British Tommies, left in charge of British tanks damaged in action.

Italian dead lay all around, their bodies caked in dust.

Capt. Hurley counted 38 Italian tanks — some smashed, others abandoned undamaged.

Stray mules and dogs were prowling round a dump of ammunition and stores.

### Italian Prisoners

Near Nibelwa the party came across another camp holding at least 7,000 or 8,000 Italian prisoners, sitting in groups, laughing and smoking.

Capt. Hurley described the Italians as well fed, clothed and shod, in contrast to the Libyans.

### Scenes Of Confusion

Similar scenes of confusion met the eyes of the party at the Italian camp at Tumma, just south of Sidi Barrani.

Field-guns were lying all over the place, and Italian officers had left so hurriedly that even their valises were left behind.

Capt. Hurley said: "We pelted on in an endeavour to catch up with the battle but the Imperial forces were moving at a rate of 50 miles a day."

"Then we heard the roar of naval guns bombarding Sidi Barrani," — Reuter.

### Sollum Falls

An official communique in Cairo, says an International News despatch, announces the capture of Fort Capuzzo and Sollum. It is presumed that the large Italian force encircled at Sollum has been either decimated or captured.

## ARMED SPY CAUGHT AT STATION

A German spy has been caught in a Scottish town on his way to London.

Detectives had been looking all day for the man, who was known to be in the town.

They found him at the railway station a few minutes before the London train was due to leave.

Hundreds of people on the platform were unaware that the first Nazi spy to be caught in Scotland since war was declared had been trapped.

He was questioned but refused to give any information and was taken to a police station.

When searched he was found to possess a revolver, a passport, ration coupons (believed forged), and a bottle of aspirin tablets bearing the label of a chemist in Berlin.

The man, who was between 25 and 30 years of age, was taken to London under armed guard.

## BAN ON NAZI PAPER

The current issue of "Das Reich," Germany's important political weekly, has been seized by police and prohibited in Switzerland owing to attacks against Switzerland embodied in the leading article, letters to the editor, and an article by Dr. Schaffner, representative of the so-called Swiss National Movement. The Reich's campaign arose from the recent storm in a teacup connected with President Pilet-Golaz's action in granting an audience to Swiss Frontists, which resulted in a protest campaign throughout the country.

## SHE HAD TO TEND HIS KILLERS

AS SHE TENDED wounded German airmen, a V.A.D. commandant heard that the place where her husband was working had been heavily bombed. She tried to phone him, was told that it was impossible to phone the spot.

The woman, Mrs. Hilda Young, returned to the Nazi airmen, who were in a Sussex institution. She knew that if her husband were dead, these were some of the raiders who had killed him.

Without flinching, she calmly worked on, then went home.

Relatives told her that her husband had been killed by a bomb in the raid.

The master of the institution paid a tribute to the bravery of Mrs. Young.

### "She Guessed"

"When she heard that the place at which her husband was working had been bombed, and learned that there was no telephonic communication, Mrs. Young seemed to have a premonition that he was dead," he told a reporter.

"She walked away, pale, but with a steely expression on her

face and her head held high. She was biting her lower lip hard.

"Everyone guessed what had happened, but we were all amazed at her courage."

"She just went on with her work of tending the German airmen. She must have known that some of them were among those who had bombed her husband's place."

"The ordeal of the bombing during which the nurses carried on earlier in the afternoon was bad enough, but she faced this terrible news like a heroine."

Mr. and Mrs. Young had one son, a boy, aged four.

Her husband's friend was killed with him by the bomb.



## Desperate Fight For Hell-Fire Pass

Eight days after the start of the British offensive in the Western Desert the Italians have been driven from their last stronghold in Egypt and their strongly fortified fort at Capuzzo, some miles inside the Libyan frontier, has been captured by the British and Imperial forces.

Capuzzo was the scene of sharp fighting early this year when it changed hands several times.

Desperate fighting accompanied the struggle for possession of Halfiya (Hell Fire) Pass, which winds through the escarpment overlooking Sollum. The Pass was finally taken when the British stormed and captured the Italian camp on the summit.

The seizing of Sollum may prove an important factor in the continuation of the campaign, as vessels landing supplies are able to get close in-shore.

## SHOT DOWN SIX CR42'S IN FIFTEEN MINUTES

HOW A BRITISH PILOT, flying an eight-gunned fighter over the Western Desert, brought down six Italian CR 42's in a quarter of an hour, is told in his report, issued in London yesterday.

Flying 12,000 feet up somewhere between Bardia and Sollum, he saw six Bredas 65 escorted by five CR 42's flying two at one level and three lower down.

Diving to the attack he fired bursts at the two high Italians and saw their machines turn over and the pilots bale out. Carrying on the dive to the lower three he got bursts into the leader and the starboard aircraft, the pilots of which also took to parachutes. The fifth and last of the escort was overtaken later and shared a similar fate.

As soon as this victim was disposed of the British pilot found himself attacked by three other CR 42's.

Report continued: "I put everything forward and touched 400 m.p.h. and got away."

My dive brought me down to 3,000 feet over Sollum Bay. There I saw two more CR's making their way homewards. The leader saw me manoeuvring and they parted.

### Nearly Suffocated

Both the leader and I stalled and we faced each other head on.

I don't think he had much ammunition as I saw only small bursts of incendiaries pass me. I held my burst to a very short distance and just managed to clear him. Turning back I saw him going down vertically."

The pilot's excitement was not yet over for three more CR 42's attacked him and bullets from their guns pierced the glycol tank—an integral part of the liquid engine cooling system—and he was all but suffocated by the fumes.

Fortunately the Italians broke off the chase on being fired at by A.A. guns and the pilot managed to land safely being picked up by British reconnaissance troops.

The next day he rejoined his squadron and once more started flying against the enemy.—British Wireless.

## BOMB GIVES FREE LUNCH TO HOMELESS

THOUSANDS OF POOR, HOMELESS AIR-RAID VICTIMS HAD A FREE LUNCH IN AN EAST LONDON AREA THANKS TO A BOMB WHICH DAMAGED THE ELECTRIC POWER PLANT OF A LARGE MEAT FACTORY.

With the plant out of order, the factory manager found he had five tons of meat lying spare.

He sought, and was granted, permission of the Ministry of Food to use it, together with the firm's large stock of vegetables. And so giant cauldrons of stews were made for the victims of Nazi frightfulness.



When Loretta Young and Ray Milland first find themselves "married," in Columbia's "The Doctor Takes A Wife," they aren't even on speaking terms! But times change, and the practice of medicine apparently changes with them, or is Mr. Milland practicing medicine? It's a scene from the King's Theatre's comedy.

## BAD LUCK BRINGER FOR HIRE

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"Everything I do is not goes," Mr. Bandrowski explained to a reporter in his home in one of the smallest rooms in New York City.

Everything Mr. Bandrowski enjoys eating gives him indigestion. He should wear glasses, but is always dropping and breaking them. If he attempts to wear a watch, he drops it, "and always on the cement, so it breaks good."

"Now if somebody would like not to see Roosevelt win, I will vote for him. He will lose bad," he said. "Maybe a baseball team would hire me. I bet on their opponents and it is a sure loss."

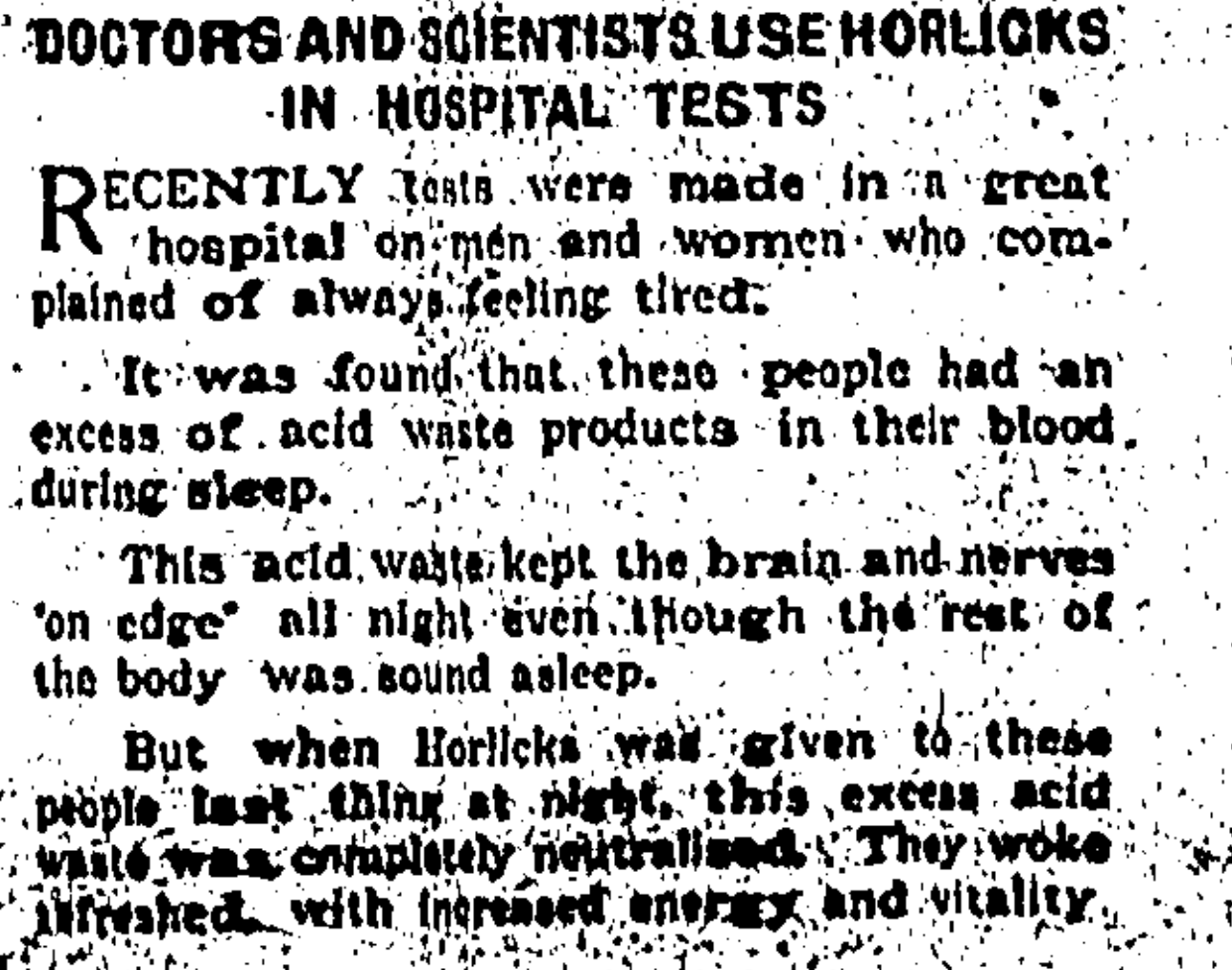
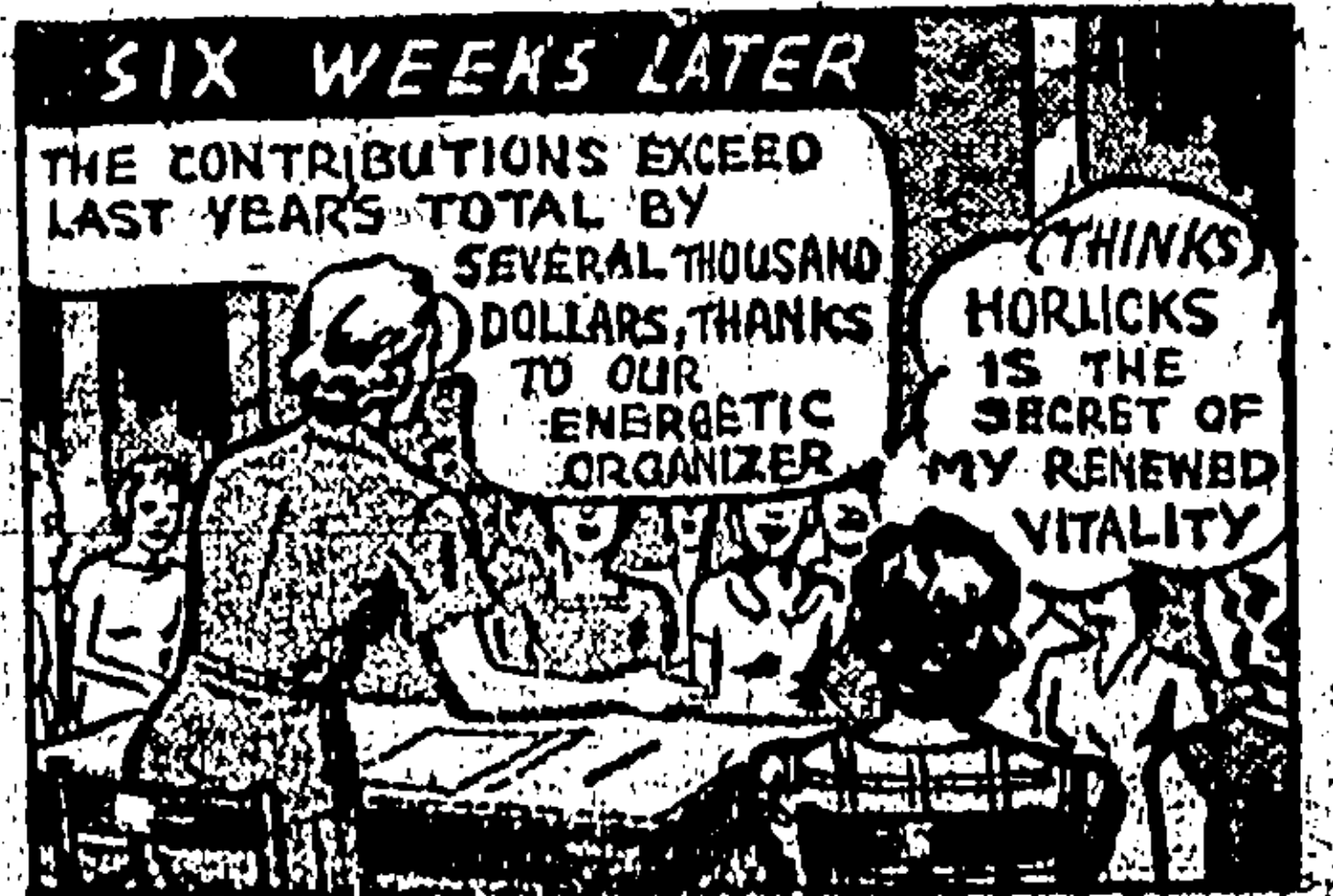
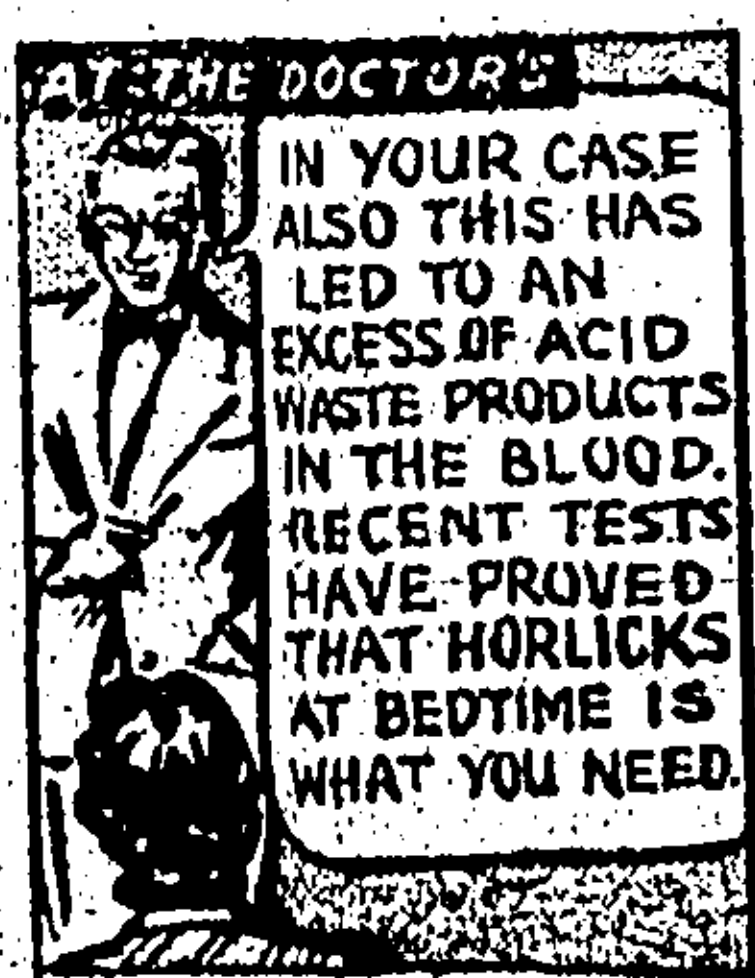
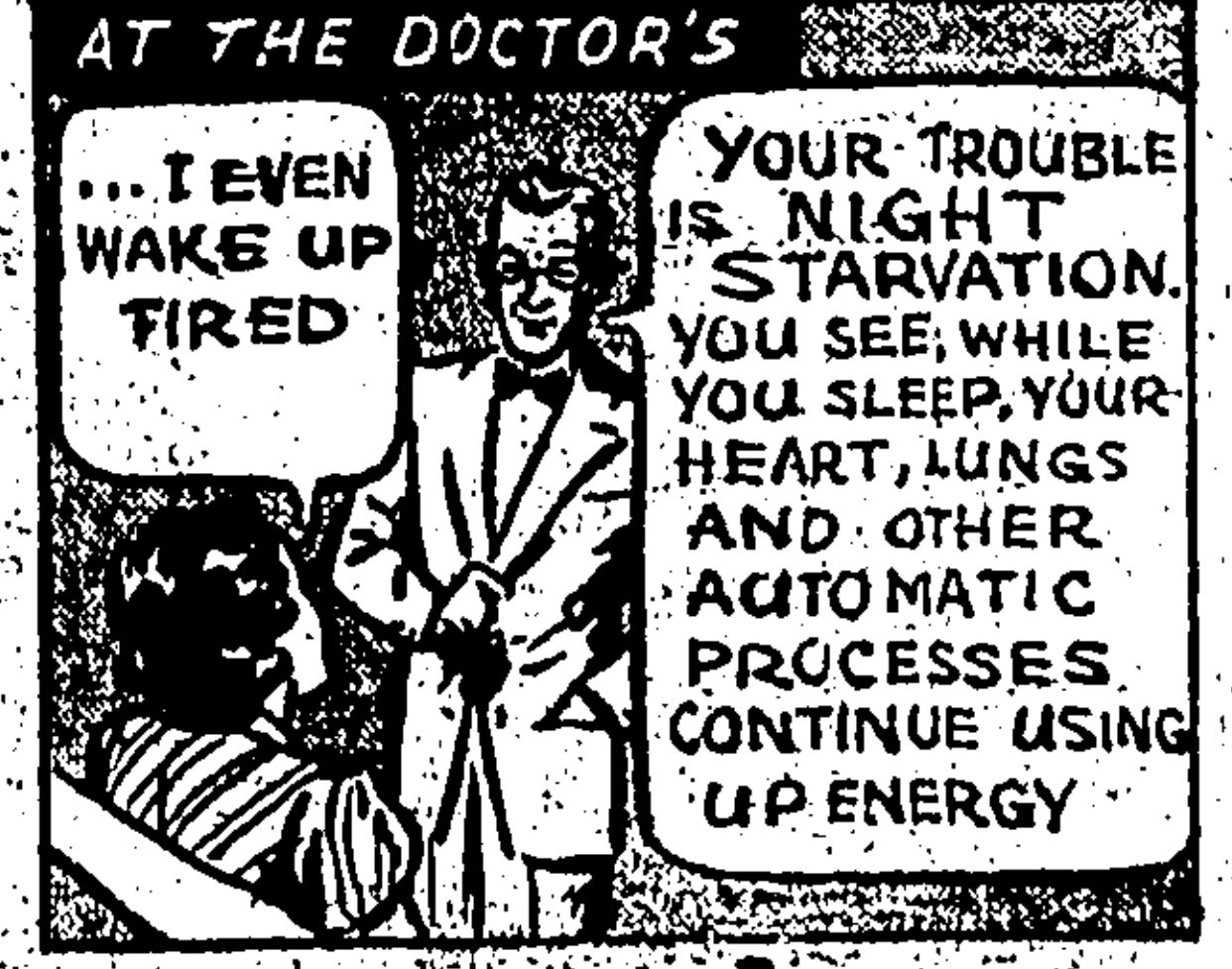
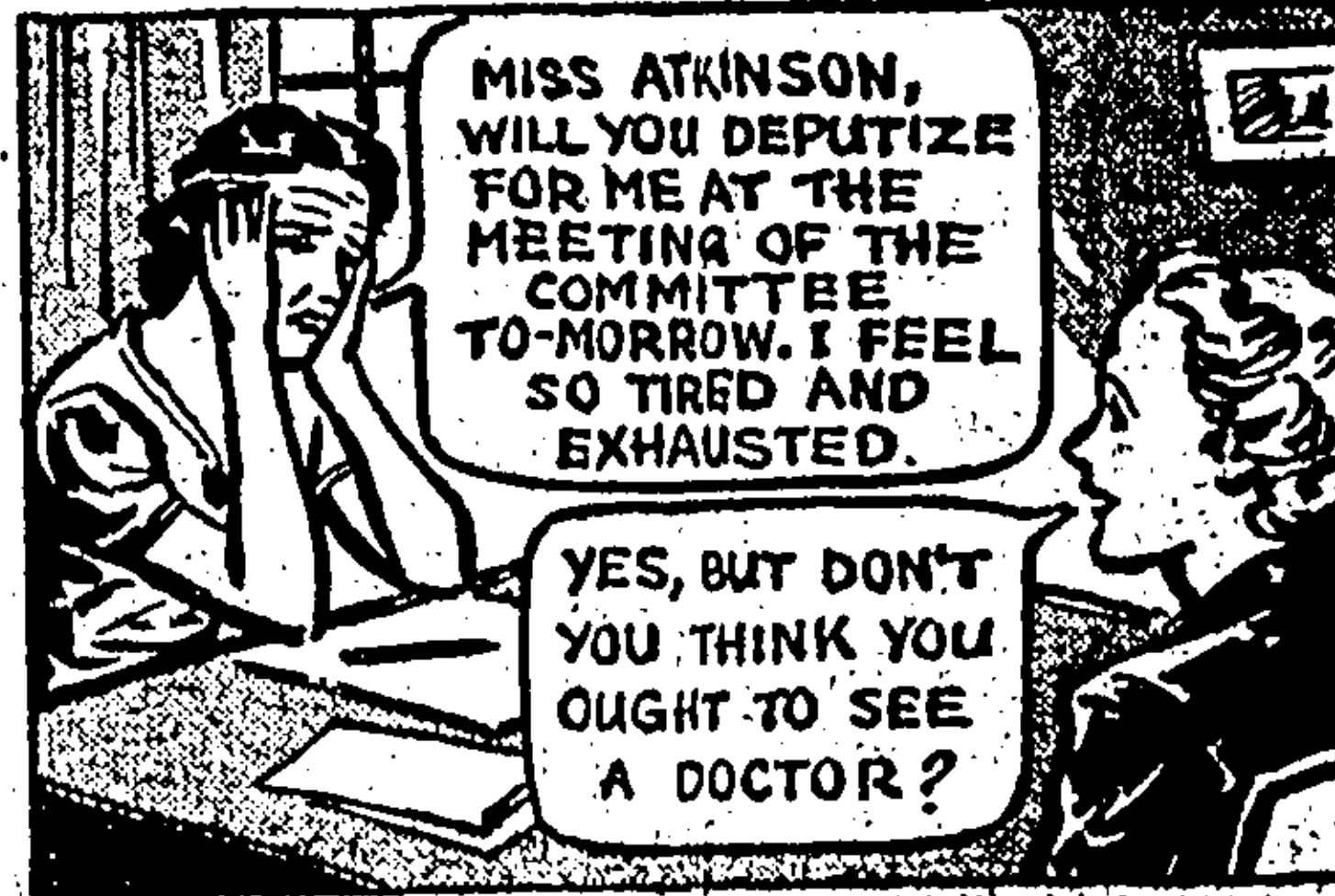
Mr. Churchill might consider employing Mr. Bandrowski against Hitler.

## YOUTHS PLEAD NOT GUILTY

A Portuguese youth, Leslie Alfred Castro, 18, and Cheung Lapan, 18, were remanded for 24 hours by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning when charged with loitering in Chatham Apartments on Saturday.

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# BRIDGE NOTES

## NO. 22

### CRIME DOESN'T PAY! By The Four Aces

To-day gives you the chance to spot a criminal and a crime:

South, Dealer

East-West vulnerable

♠ 10 8 8 7  
♥ A 10 5 3  
♦ K 10 9  
♣ 6 4  
N  
W  
E  
S  
♠ K Q J 6  
♥ 9 7  
♦ Q J 4  
♣ A K J 9

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠    | Pass | 1♥    | Pass |
| 1♠    | Pass | 2♠    | Pass |
| 2NT   | Pass | 3♠    | Pass |
| 4♠    | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

West opened a trump, East winning with the Ace and returning another trump. South won the second trick, cashed two high clubs, and ruffed a club in dummy. He then led a diamond from dummy, playing the Queen from his own hand, and West won with the diamond Ace.

West returned a low heart, but dummy's Ace won; and South regained the lead with the diamond Jack to ruff out the last club loser. He had to give up a heart trick, but easily won the rest to fulfill his contract. Something slipped somewhere. See if you can tell who committed what crime before you read any more.

East was the criminal, and his crime occurred at the very first trick. West found the right defence by opening a trump, but East made a hash of matters by putting up his Ace. If he had played a low trump, South would have won and managed to ruff one club but would be unable to get the lead back into his own hand in order to ruff the other club. He would lead diamonds (just as he actually did) and West would get the lead with his diamond Ace. But then West would still have his other trump left, and by leading that trump he would allow East to take the trump Ace and lead a third round of trumps. With only one club ruff in the dummy, South would have won only nine tricks for a one-trick set.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 5  
♥ Q 10 8 6 4  
♦ A 9  
♣ K 10

The bidding:

| You | Schenken | Jacoby | Maler |
|-----|----------|--------|-------|
| 1♥  | Pass     | 1NT    | Pass  |
| 2♠  | Pass     | 2NT    | Pass  |

ANSWER: Bid two spades. This bid may compel your partner to go to three hearts, but your hand is strong enough to stand such a contract.

Score 100% for two spades 20% for two no-trump.

## Question No. 591

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner with the same hand as above, and the bidding continues:

| You | Schenken | Jacoby | Maler |
|-----|----------|--------|-------|
| 1♥  | Pass     | 1NT    | Pass  |
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What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.) (Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

## WIND BROUGHT GOOD NEWS

On holiday in Devonshire, Miss G. Elliott, of Trimley, Suffolk, picked up a newspaper which had blown across the sands to her feet as she sat on the beach. Glancing through it, she read that her niece, Eric Richard Stewart, twenty-two, of Clarkson Street, Ipswich, had been awarded the Military Medal.

That was the first she knew of it. Miss Elliott wrote to Stewart's parents. "It was news to us, too," his mother, Mrs. J. Stewart, told a reporter.

# GIRL BURIED FOUR DAYS, FOUND ALIVE

A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD girl buried beneath the debris of three houses demolished by a high-explosive bomb in South-West London was discovered four days later to be alive.

The girl, Mildred Castillo, is the daughter of a doctor who was out on an air-raid case when the bomb razed his house to the ground. When he returned home and saw his house wrecked he collapsed and has since died.

Four days afterwards, George Woodward, leader of a rescue and demolition squad which had been removing bricks and timber from

concerned. He and two others of the squad volunteered to tunnel through the wreckage. Through a small crack they saw Mildred.

## WOMEN WILL GET SAME WAGES AS MEN

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## Handed Her Tea

They talked to her and passed her cups of tea while working frantically under a heap of rubble that at any moment might have collapsed on them.

It was evening before they carried Mildred to a waiting ambulance, alive, and, in the words of the doctor in charge, "in very good condition." She was taken to hospital.

The bomb, which fell on a row of houses, cut three of them out as cleanly as if they had been carved away with a giant knife.

The bodies of victims were removed earlier. All hope of finding anyone alive had been given up.

## Light Still On

Yet in Mildred's miracle cellar an electric light bulb still burned. On the one wall still standing three wall mirrors, unscathed, can be seen from the street. Two fixture hanging cupboards, the doors torn away, expose to view a woman's wardrobe and an Army officer's uniform.

There is scarcely a speck of dust on the woman's dresses, and the buttons of the uniforms shine as brightly as if they had just been polished.

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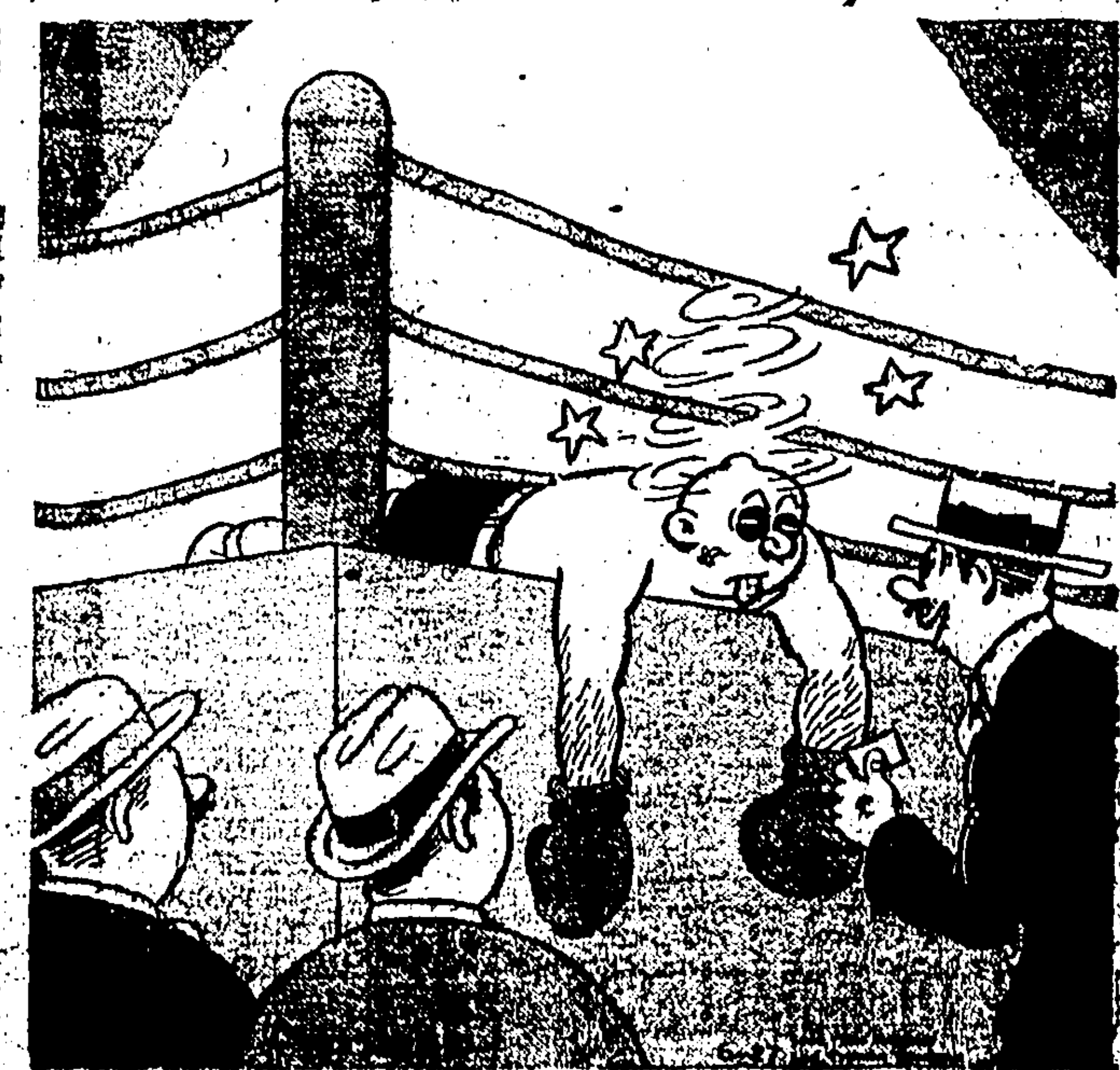
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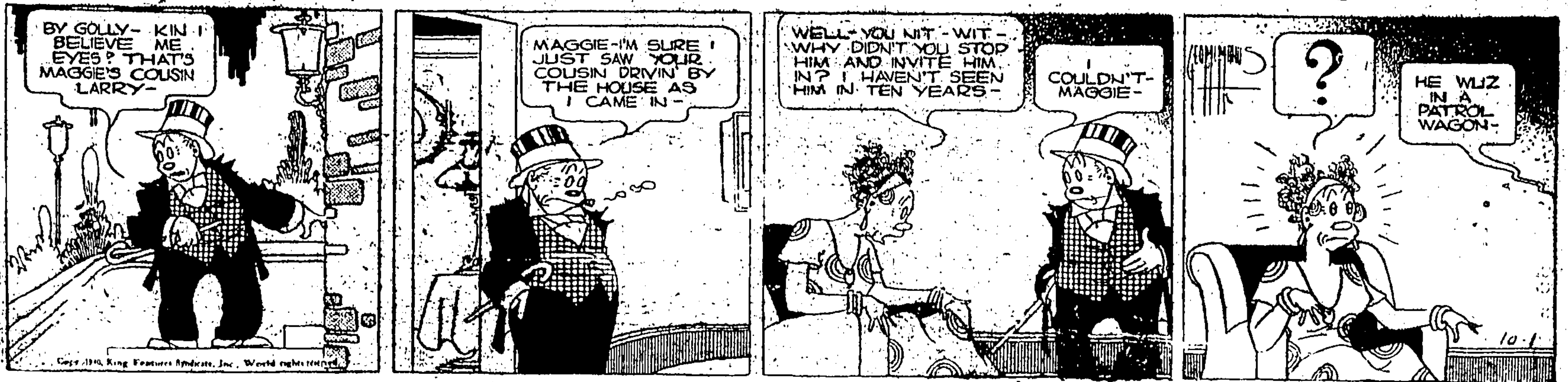
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# One Day Each Month To Self

ONE day out of thirty isn't too much to devote to oneself, whether you are a busy mother, wife or career woman. If you schedule a day, set it aside and do not let anything interfere with your plans, you will be able to attend to all those little personal things which have been cluttering up your mind. And for the rest of the month you will rest more easily.

"That skirt should be shortened," "I must get a new lipstick for day time," "If I ever get time I'll have my hair reshaped and set becomingly," "I simply must not forget to buy a supply of shields," "Every dress in my closet needs going over and pressing—I must do that soon," "You are familiar with these half-promises one makes with oneself and they keep coming to mind persistently until you actually take time to do them!"

### Embrace Chores Systematically

Every girl and woman should have a little pad and pencil in her dressing table drawer, or her bureau drawer. Every time she thinks of something which should be done, or something to buy, she should make a note. Then on the day of days take out the list and plan how all can be done in the one day.

If you are going shopping begin with a session of grooming. If you feel well and look well you will get through your list quickly. When you return refresh yourself, change your shoes, put on something comfortable and tackle the wardrobe renovating—or at least sort your clothes and resolve to do a bit each day for the next week if there is a lot to do to make them wearable.

It is surprising how much ground you can cover in one day if you are concentrating only on YOU. Your reasoning becomes clear, your energy is high.

If you go to business devote Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning to yourself. If you are a busy housewife finish your morning tasks early and scam before the day gets too old! If you hang around until lunch time you will never get going—isn't that the truth?

Poise comes from knowing you



You no longer are of the younger generation if you feel the greatest fun to be had in life is to sit at home one evening after another.



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are nicely groomed and that your clothes fit well and are in good condition. A seam taken in or let out, a skirt shortened, a dress

cleaned, a missing snap replaced, shoe lifts changed, gloves and hose all fresh and mended—give you the satisfied feeling.

## Perfume Advice

### Lighter Mixtures For Young

Show me the woman who is not thrilled with a perfume perfectly suited to her taste and beauty and I will tell you whether she is ill or defeated! For every normal woman adores a lovely fragrance either in a sachet, cologne or perfume. And women for ages past have adored fragrances, and men for ages past have adored women who adored lovely fragrances!

Perfume, an exquisite, lasting brew, does two things for a woman. It makes her pleased with herself and it greatly adds to her attraction. Even the youngest of children are attracted by a sweet scent and long remember grandma "who always smelled so nice"—perhaps of lavender, verbena or carnation!

There are numerous brews on the perfume counter so many in fact they are bewildering to a woman who has no definite choice in mind when she shops for one "to do something for her."

Good old brews, like good old wines, are expensive and cherished. Make no mistake about that. Newer perfumes make their bow constantly but many of them cannot measure up to the old favorites. Therefore if you are confused about a choice, ask your salesgirl to show you five of the most popular, expensive perfumes. Sniff each and choose the one which pleases you the most. As you are testing your reaction to it buy the smallest quantity you can. Wear it, decide whether you like it and make note if friends say "How lovely what perfume are you wearing?"

Parfumers have recently been considering the very young females and have introduced several delightful fragrances appropriate for their tender years and fresh beauty. The more potent, heady mixtures are not for young girls, but there are at least fifty lighter essences from which they may choose.

And a word about how perfume should be worn. It is not sufficient to put a drop behind one's ear and expect to radiate an exquisite aroma for hours. No indeed. Perfume must be used generously if you wish it to hang about your person for some time. Too much has been said about "over-perfuming." After all it is difficult to get too much of an exquisite fragrance. If a fragrance is cheap or repulsive then little of it can be too much!

It is rather nice to be consistent about your fragrance radiation. Use one lovely scent on your afternoon clothes and your evening clothes. Use another outdoor perfume for your tailored and sport clothes. If you have the space, keep your dressier things in one closet and your sporty things in another—then the fragrances will not fuse.

Spray around the hems of your dresses, your handkerchiefs, inside your handbag, in your glove drawer or box. Then spray perfume on your person after your grooming is complete. In back of your ears, on your wrists, in your hair.

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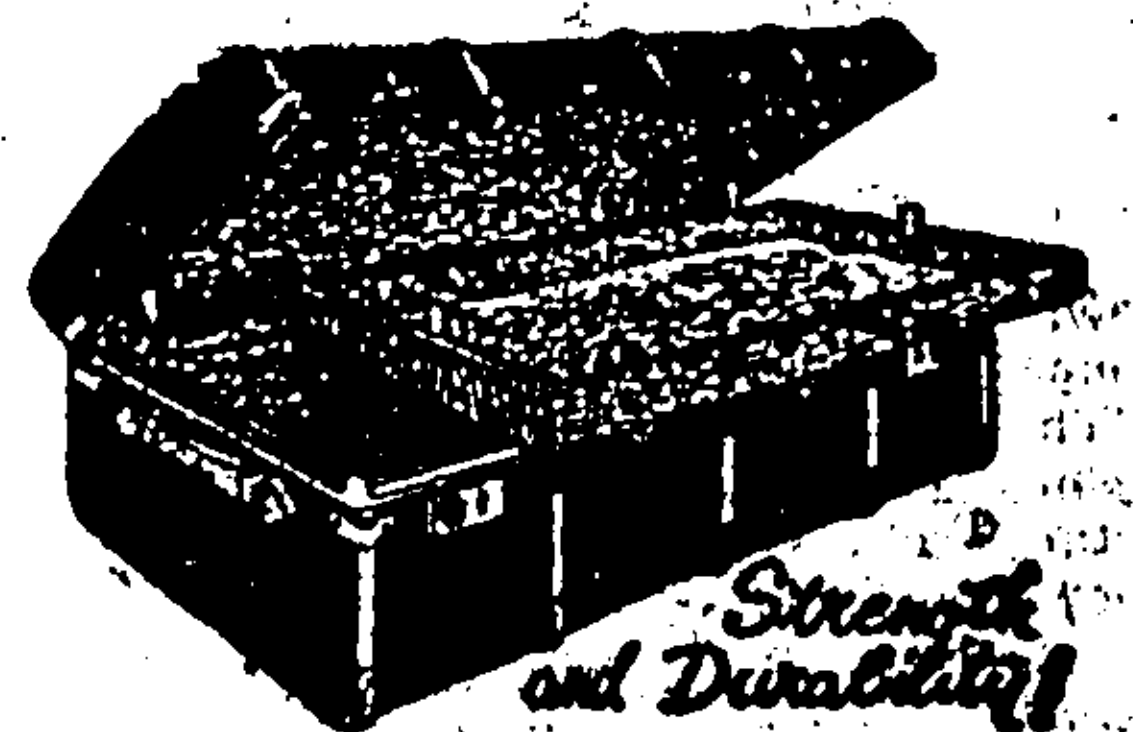
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Canton 7.15 a.m.  
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## RADIO

12.30 p.m.—Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

12.40 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.

1.03 p.m.—Compositions of Bizet.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

3.32 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—A Portuguese Programme.

8.03 p.m.—Brahms—Concerto in D Major, Op. 77.

1st Mov: Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov: Adagio; 3rd Mov: Allegro giocoso, ma non troppo vivace.

Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

8.43 p.m.—Louis Kentner at the Piano.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.

9.45 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

10.18 p.m.—Variety Programme—The Western Brothers, Carroll Gibbons, Tessie O'Shea, Anson Weeks, Frank Luther & Lyn Murray Quartet, and Flanagan & Allen.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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## STRANGE CONTRASTS IN LONDON

A letter received recently from a censor in England describes the strange situation in London with, on the one hand, people going about their business as usual, completely ignoring air-raids, and on the other hand the huge bomb craters and ruins in parts of the city. Activity on the Thames goes on as before the war, barges and ships unloading cargo at numerous wharves in the port.

Extracts from the letter follow: "You could get on a bus and travel for two or three hours from end to end of London, and see nothing more abnormal than the ordinary come and go. A taxi driver and five job fare, with a couple of hours to spare would give you a 'tour of the ruins' such as Cromwell may have dreamt about."

"Top of Ludgate Hill this morning on the west front of St. Paul's they are peacefully feeding the pigeons and strolling about in the sunshine. Round the other side half a minute walk and you see the fire fighters pouring water by the thousand gallon on to Cheapside approaches to Friday Street and Watling Street and a misty maze of smoke and steam right down past Bow Bells. A real picture, a sinister picture when you go down the side streets and see tired, pale, grimy features of firemen snatching a few minutes sleep."

## HELLENIC TRADER GOES INTO DOCK

The Panama vessel, s.s. Hellenic Trader, which went aground in the Hainan Straits on December 3, is now in dock in Hong Kong undergoing repairs which are expected to be completed within 10 days.

The vessel arrived in the Colony on Saturday night.

ching a few minutes sleep. "On my way through across London Bridge from the South-west side the same old barges loaded down to water level were taking their turns to be disembowelled by the giant cranes along the wharves and the tugs were chugging along taking others to their embankments."

### Huge Crater

"Just over, right in front of the Fire Monument was a crater of about 15 ft. diameter and just heaps of dust and lath and plaster where buildings used to adjoin the District Railway Station."

"Only a stone's throw down the street was the usual jam of lorries and handcarts, and round Billingsgate market the crowd of fishmongers not in the least interested about last night's crash and fireworks. 'Gay and grim?' I should say so, some of the locals round Fish Street Hill, would go on bargaining although gates of hell were open next door."

"Over Westminster Bridge, everything intact except a wing of St. Thomas Hospital and that looks as though Nelson Wise, the homebreaker, had almost completed the demolition sort of his days work. It will take that house painter, shicklegruber (Hitler) years to do the damage he dreams of. Satan must be ashamed of the bungler."

## CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

Enterprise in industrial sections on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was lacking, otherwise conditions were cheerful. Gilt-edged, Indian loans, Egyptian, Portuguese and Greek bonds registered full gains, while oils continued in favour, though a little profit-taking occasionally reduced earlier advances. Kaffirs, after early local support, finished a little irregular. Home industrials generally were quiet. Wall Street was quietly irregular.—Reuter.

## FOUND BOMBED HOME HAD BEEN ROBBED

A young woman, climbing through the window of her bombed home, found a thief had been there before her.

This was stated at Liverpool Police Court when William Henry Duffield, thirty-nine, barman, was committed to the Assizes on two charges of stealing from houses which had been subjected to enemy attack.

Police said the offences alleged against Duffield were looting, for which the death penalty could be imposed under a special Order in Council.

## THREE BROTHERS ALDERMEN

A municipal record was established at Bath when Councillor W. F. Long was made an alderman and joined his brothers, Mr. C. H. Long and Mr. G. J. Long, who are Aldermen.

## ENGLAND AT WAR

There is a short news film showing at the Queen's to-day everyone should see.

It shows something that ought to have been shown long ago, and that is the undamaged parts of London. The Nazis do all they can to suggest that London is in ruins and news cameramen normally have to concentrate on bombed areas because the rest is not news.

The result has been a slight loss of perspective. London has suffered—in parts severely—but here is a film to remind us however briefly that in relation to the whole, the damage to the Empire's capital is insignificant. For every house or office wrecked, hundreds still stand untouched and life goes on.

The film in question contains in addition other interesting shots; and it concludes with a moving record of the King's speech from Buckingham Palace during an air raid. Most of us heard this speech on the radio; on the screen its effect is heightened by impressive use of background material. While the King speaks the camera records the courage and the suffering of the common folk whom he praised. The whole thing is beautifully done—this, you say, is England at war.

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# Rise Of Anton Christoforidis To Fame In Boxing World

## Biggest Greek Idol Since Londos

ANTON CHRISTOFORIDIS dropped into Cleveland recently long enough to belt out in the second round Jimmy Reeves, a trim Negro, who after establishing a national reputation as an amateur, won 14 of 15 professional matches to earn high ranking among light-heavyweights.

Christoforidis, a handsome and compactly constructed Greek, is a striking example of how good fighters are given the run around by promoters and matchmakers who complain that there is a dearth of worthwhile talent.

Christoforidis has been in the United States a year, yet Reeves was the first "name" performer to give him an appointment.

A couple of preliminaries in all Mike Jacobs has given Christoforidis at Madison Square Garden. The Great Greek Profile stood up there as he has come through elsewhere twice in Chicago and Detroit and now in Cleveland.

He will have to get there the hard way, though he would jump at the chance to do 160 pounds for Ken Overlin, Tony Zale, Billy Soose or Steve Belloise, and would be a suitable opponent for Billy Conn.

### Christoforidis Used To Hard Knocks

Orphaned in the great Smyrna fire, Anton Christoforidis shone shoes, peddled newspapers and held horses for rich Athenians. He broke in fighting in an Athens beer hall at 50 cents a crack. He became a bell hop and he got to Paris.

Although he has had 90 fights on record, there isn't a mark on him, which is something in the way of evidence that he can do something more than swat.

Christoforidis is one of the mighty few Greek fighters. George (K. O.) Brown, the old Chicago middleweight, was one. Phil McGraw, the Detroit lightweight, another.

Greeks usually go in for wrestling. A number of current titleholders wish Christoforidis had.

### An International Record

Christoforidis, 23 now and boxing since he was 15, has beaten the best in France, Holland, Belgium, Germany and Northern Africa. He flattened Carmelo Candel and repelled Lou Brouillard in Paris. Candel drew with Marcel Thil and repulsed Teddy Yarosz.

Christoforidis took the middleweight championship of Europe from Bep Van Klaveren in Rotterdam, and ironed out Annet, Belgium's 175-pound leader, in Brussels.

He heiled Hitler, whether he liked it or not, and then knocked out Gustav Eder, the German 160-pound titleholder, in Berlin. He lifted the North African crown from Bob Youssef, an Arab, in Algiers.

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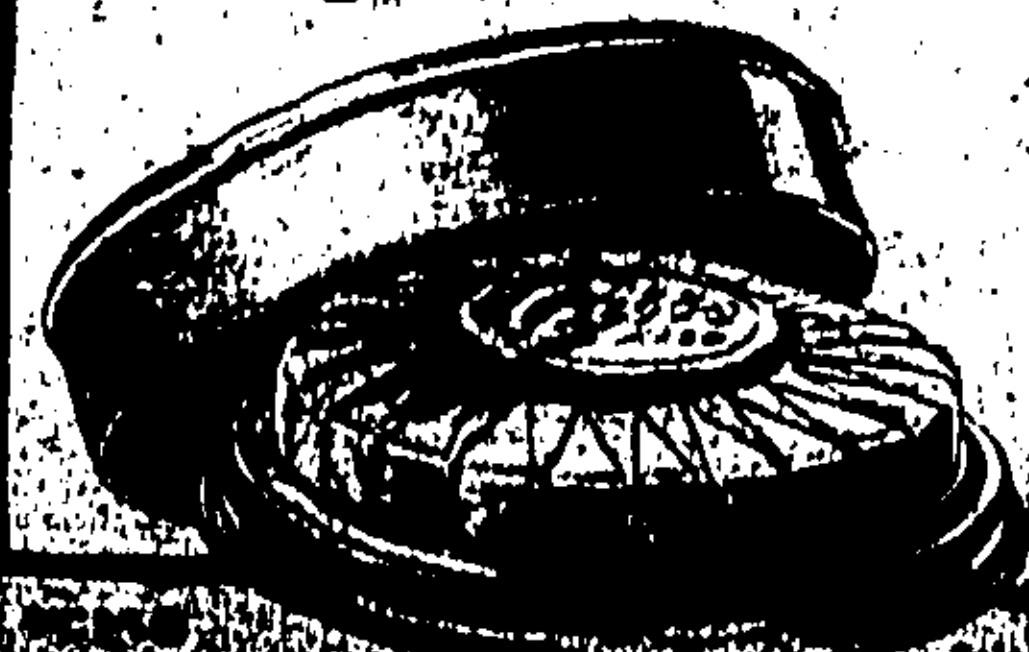


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## ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUAD"Y"

TO-DAY at Sookunpoo the Middlesex are playing the Hong Kong Signal Company in the Small Units Rugby League.

Rugby will represent the Middlesex.

Pte. Thompson, L/C. Radley, Bds. Hymas, 2/Lt. F. S. C. Hancock, L/C. Cordery, Capt. C. M. M. Mann, L/C. Morridge, L/C. Wilson, Sgt. Bayly, L/C. Heather, Drm. Klinker, L/C. Pearce, D/M. Holdford, Pte. Berry and Cpl. Gilham. Reserves—L/C. Goddard.

In the top half of the League Royal Scots are leading with 4 points and Middlesex are second with 3 points.

The Engineers have already won in the bottom half of the league, winning all their games with six points.

### LEAGUE TABLES

| "A" Section         |    |    |    |    |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|
|                     | P. | W. | D. | L. |
| R. Scots            | 2  | 2  | 0  | 0  |
| Middlesex           | 2  | 1  | 0  | 3  |
| 8th Hvy. Regt. R.A. | 2  | 0  | 1  | 1  |
| Signals             | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| R.A.S.C.            | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |

| "B" Section          |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|
|                      | P. | W. | D. | L. |
| Engineers            | 3  | 3  | 0  | 0  |
| 5th A.A. Regt.       | 2  | 1  | 0  | 1  |
| R.A.M.C.             | 3  | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| 12th Hvy. Regt. R.A. | 2  | 0  | 0  | 2  |

IN the Hong Kong Hockey tournament on Sunday 5th A.A. Regt. 'B' team lost to A. N. O. Her XI by 6 goals to 1.

Biggington scored for the gunners.

In a friendly game at King's Park R.A.M.C. defeated Y.M.C.A. juniors by 3 goals to 1, and Funnabers drew with the Y.M.C.A. seniors two-all.

On Sunday at Chatham Road Air Force beat a representative Small Units side in a friendly hockey game.

At the conclusion of the game Lieut. Colonel E. Leveit presented Air Force with the Departmental Corps Hockey Shield which they won, by winning all their games in the League.

The final results are as follows:—

|              |   |          |   |
|--------------|---|----------|---|
| R.A.S.C.     | 0 | Signals  | 3 |
| R.A.O.C.     | 2 | R.A.F.   | 7 |
| R.A.M.C.     | 2 | C.M.H.   | 1 |
| Signals      | 1 | R.A.M.C. | 0 |
| R.A.F.       | 3 | R.A.S.C. | 2 |
| C.M.H. W/O   | 3 | R.A.O.C. | 0 |
| R.A.M.C.     | 1 | R.A.O.C. | 0 |
| Signals      | 1 | R.A.F.   | 3 |
| R.A.S.C.     | 0 | C.M.H.   | 4 |
| R.A.O.C.     | 1 | R.A.O.C. | 2 |
| R.A.F.       | 4 | R.A.M.C. | 0 |
| C.M.H.       | 1 | Signals  | 3 |
| R.A.O.C.     | 0 | Signals  | 5 |
| R.A.M.C. W/O | 1 | R.A.S.C. | 0 |
| R.A.F.       | 1 | C.M.H.   | 0 |

|          | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| R.A.F.   | 5  | 5  | 0  | 0  | 18 | 5  | 10   |
| Signals  | 5  | 4  | 0  | 1  | 13 | 4  | 8    |
| R.A.M.C. | 5  | 3  | 0  | 2  | 3  | 6  | 6    |
| C.M.H.   | 5  | 2  | 0  | 3  | 6  | 4  | 4    |
| R.A.O.C. | 5  | 1  | 0  | 4  | 3  | 15 | 2    |
| R.A.S.C. | 5  | 0  | 0  | 5  | 3  | 12 | 0    |

TO-MORROW, at Sookunpoo, the Final of the Small Units football competition will take place, with H.Q. Coy. of the Middlesex playing 'D' of the Royal Scots.

This should prove to be a good game, as both teams have a strong side, including many Battalion players.

Middlesex team includes Jackson, Sheehan, Bright, and Pearson of the Battalion first eleven, and Revell of the second eleven.

He was the pugilistic talk of Paris when the war sent him to the United States.

### Biggest Purse Paid Yet

Sidetracked by the more highly publicised boys, \$1,000 is the most Christoforidis has collected for a start on this side. He was paid that sum for knocking out Jimmy Burns in three rounds in Chicago, and for trouncing Tony Bruno, on the Zale-Soose show in the same city, where he was stuck down in the preliminaries when he probably could have licked the principals.

He gave the game a shot in the arm in Detroit, where he dropped Joe Sufka 11 times, and had George Burnette down three times and out at the finish.

Greeks who have seen Anton Christoforidis have their greatest hero since Jim Londos heyday. "We have a word for him—Swell!"

Scots team includes Falconer, of their Battalion first eleven and Auld, and Flemming of their second eleven.

At the conclusion of the game the General Officer Commanding, Major-General A.E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., will present the winners with the Small Units football Cup.

How they reached the final.

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| "D" Coy. Royal Scots:—     |     |
| beat Signals               | 5-0 |
| beat "A" Coy. Midd'x       | 1-0 |
| beat R.A.F.                | 4-1 |
| beat 24th R.A.             | 5-1 |
| H.Q. Coy. Middlesex:—      |     |
| beat 40th (F) Coy. R.E.    | 3-2 |
| beat 36th R.A.             | 2-1 |
| beat H.Q. Coy. Royal Scots | 2-0 |

THE following is the draw for the Fourth Round of the Individuals Billiards Championship which will be played to-day.

Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C. v. Pte. Gordon, Royal Scots.

Sgt. Hamlen, R.A.S.C. v. B.S.M. Rawlings, R.A.

Pte. Haigh, R.A.S.C. v. S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C.

Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C. v. L/C. Willis, C.M.P.

Following is the draw for the Fourth Round of the Individual Snooker Championship, to be played on Thursday, December, 19.

Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C. v. Lieut. Dixon, R.A.M.C.

S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C. v. L/C. Willis, C.M.P.

Pte. Gordon, Royal Scots. v. Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C.

Pte. Myles, Royal Scots or Piper Milne, Royal Scots v. L/C. Saunders, R.A.O.C.

ON Sunday Command Headquarters Cricket eleven drew with R.A.M.C. at Central British School.

The Medical Corps

batted first and declared at 161 runs for seven, and I must congratulate Logan on getting a fine half century.

Command Headquarters replied with 103 for six with Brigadier McLeod carrying his bat to make a fine 46 not out. Capt. Dewar scored 36 runs.

## CHINESE XI FOR SUNDAY'S CHARITY GAMES

Following have been selected to represent the Chinese (S.S.) against the Association in the charity matches of Sunday December 22:—

"A" TEAM—Cheung Wing-choy (Sing Tao); Tsang Chung-wan (South China) and Lee Tin-sang (Sing Tao); Soong Ling-sun (Sing Tao); Hsu King-sing (Eastern) and Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern); Chung Yung-sun (Eastern); Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao); Lee Wai-long (South China) (Capt.); Lai Shiu-wing (Sing Tao) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).  
Reserves:—Lee Kwok-kee (Kwong Wah); Kong Shing-ling (Eastern); Lee Kwok-wai (South China); Lau Chi-chan (Eastern); Leung Wing-chiu (Sing Tao); Li Wai-lam (R.E.); Lee Tak-kee (South China); Chan Tak-fai (South China); Yeung Shiu-yick (Sing Tao) and C. T. Tso (Eastern).  
Team Manager:—Mr. W. Hamming Chen.

"B" TEAM—Lau Hin-hon; Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao) and Tao Kam-hung (South China); Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao); Lam Tak-po (South China) and Lo Wai-kueh (Eastern); Tang Kwong-sun (Sing Tao); Chow Man-choi (South China) (Capt.); Hui Man-fai (Eastern); Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah) and Wong King-cheong (Kwong Wah).

## "Y" BILLIARDS SOCIAL

A Billiards Social Evening will be held in this Y.M.C.A. to-night 7.30 p.m.

The programme will consist of a match against Pay Corps followed by a Novelty Competition event amongst the members.

The following will be selected from the following:  
C. T. Torran, R. Goldman, L. Sykes, C. T. Chappelovier, C. Eager, T. G. Stokes, C. H. do Coney, and H. Kemp.

## WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following is this week-end's Football programme:

### Saturday

| FIRST DIVISION |                                            |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Eastern        | v Middlesex<br>(Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)  |
| St. Joseph's   | v Royal Scots<br>(St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.) |
| Kwong Wah      | v Kowloon<br>(Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)  |
| Club           | v Navy<br>(Club, 4.00 p.m.)                |

### SECOND DIVISION

|             |                                               |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Ordnance    | v Sing Tao<br>(Military, 2.30 p.m.)           |
| Navy        | v Kowloon<br>(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)        |
| South China | v Middlesex<br>(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)     |
| Kwong Wah   | v Royal Scots<br>(Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.) |
| Club        | v Service Corps<br>(Club, 2.30 p.m.)          |

### THIRD DIVISION

|           |                                           |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
| Signals   | v Air Force<br>(Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)  |
| 35th R.A. | v International<br>(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.) |
| 7th R.A.  | v 12th R.A.<br>(Military, 4.00 p.m.)      |
| Engineers | v 20th R.A.<br>(Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)     |

### Sunday

#### SECOND DIVISION

|          |                                             |
|----------|---------------------------------------------|
| Kit Chee | v 30th R.A.<br>(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)   |
| Police   | v Engineers<br>(Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.) |

#### THIRD DIVISION

|               |                                             |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 24th R.A.     | v Medicals<br>(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)        |
| Service Corps | v Shell<br>(Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)           |
| A.S.A.        | v 36th R.A.<br>(Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.) |

## OFFICIALS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CHARITY MATCHES

Following are the officials for the Christmas week Charity football matches:—

### CHARITY MATCHES

December 22  
Combined Chinese "A" v Rest "A"  
(Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Mr. H. B. "d"  
Linesmen:—Messrs. R. M. Cinar and J. Silva.

Combined Chinese "B" v Rest "B"  
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Mr. W. Glover.  
Linesmen:—Messrs. W. Foster and C. Ford.

"SUNDAY HERALD" INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP—SEMI-FINAL  
Christmas Day

China (holders) v Scotland  
(Boundary Street, 3.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Mr. D. Kossick.  
Linesmen:—Messrs. H. Beard and A. G. Marle.

### Boxing Day

England v Portugal  
(Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Mr. J. Silva.  
Linesmen:—Mr. K. K. Ip and Rev. S. Hinchcliffe.

CHARITY MATCH IN AID OF B.W.O.F. AND BOMBER FUND  
New Year's Day

Rest v Combined Chinese  
(Sookunpoo, 3.45 p.m.)  
Referee:—Mr. D. M. Mitchell.  
Linesmen:—Messrs. D. Kossick and W. Glover.

## CHINA'S INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TEAM

Following have been selected to represent China in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Match competition to be played on December 25, at the Boundary Street.

Cheung Wing-choy (Sing Tao); Tsang Chung-wan (South China) and Lee Tin-sang (Sing Tao); Soong Ling-sun (Sing Tao); Hsu King-sing (Eastern) and Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern); Chung Yung-sun (Eastern); Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao); Lee Wai-long (South China) (Capt.); Lai Shiu-wing (Sing Tao) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

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Team Manager:—Mr. W. Hamming Chen.



## McGILL BACK IN NAVY XV

Following will represent Navy against Club in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament next Saturday at Causeway Bay, commencing at 4 p.m.:

Lt. Morahan, S/Lt. McGill, Tel. Honeywill, A/Ldg. Tel. Paul and A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden; Mid. O'Riordan and Lt. Rutherford; S/Lt. Winter, Lt. Watson (Capt.), Sergeant Manfield; C. P. O. Wtr. King, F/Lt. Taylor; A. B. Longmuir, S/Lt. Beattie and S/Lt. Poole.

Reserves:—S/Lt. Kennedy, Cdt. Lambie, L. S. A. Palmer, Lt. (E) Brown and L. A. C. Stockham. McGill is back in the three-quarter line in place of Kennedy, otherwise the team is unchanged from that which beat Army last Saturday.

### Navy "A" Team

Following will represent Navy "A" against Club "A" on Saturday, at 2.45 p.m.: F/Lt. Wright; S/Lt. Kennedy (Capt.), A. B. Lilley, P. O. Wilson and P. O. Skinner; Cadet Lambie and A. B. Rees; L. S. A. Palmer, S/Lt. Richards, P. O. Jones; L. A. C. Stockham, P/O. Baugh; S/Lt. Carey, Ldg. Sig. Mitchell and Mid. Murray-Jones.

Reserves:—P. O. Clough, S/Lt. Danger, L. A. C. Gracie, A. B. Smith, S/Lt. Sumner, Cadet Thornhill and S/Lt. Eager.

## HANDICAP WEIGHTS FOR KWANTI

Following are the handicap weights for the Fanling Hunt and Race Club meeting to be held at Kwanti on Boxing Day.

Race No. 1—1/2 miles (Hurdle):—Cape Cornish (160), Clover (165), Dow-Jones (160), Eve of Dancing (160), Grether (160), March Brown (165), Mortmain (160), Saturday Night (late Prince Charming) (160), Soldier of China (160), The Baboon (160), Three Farthings (160), Trinkles (late Morning Glory) (160) and Zero (160).

Race No. 2—1/2 mile (Flat):—Arabian Cat (160), Gallant Marshal (150), Gold Eagle (152), High Tower (145), King's Envoy (153), Lucky Eleven (151), National Honour (144), National Liberty (150), Old Fashioned (140), Sunshine Sute (144) and Wild Bear (140).

Race No. 3—1/2 miles (Steeplechase):—Bingo (155), Bleyenburg (140), Colorado Star (152), Glorious Star (162), Kiola (140), Sea Uchra (162), Spectrum (152) and Tevlotdale (165).

Race No. 4—7 Furlongs (Flat):—Amber II (155), Circe (155), Colorado Star (135), Dick Turpin (140), Forehand Drive (135), Heinz (130), Lovely Kid (135), Quick Despatch (165), Rising Star (155), Rooffly (165), Ruby Star (162), Schmetterling (135), Sea Uchra (135), Surprise Again (140) and Tarzan (140).

Race No. 5—7 Furlongs (Flat):—Bistre (140), Chatterbox (140), Clover (155), Double Chance (151), Emergency Call (144), Eve of Peace (150), Jack O'Lantern (140), King's Worthy (144), National Success (140), Palmer (140), Phoenix (160), Piet Hen (150), Royal Highness (140), Sylvandale (160), The Leopard (152), The Tigress (140) and Wilber (157).

Race No. 6—1/2 mile (Flat):—Ascot Vale (161), Cape Cornish (152), Desert Star (155), Dow-Jones (140), Geordie (142), Heddon (145), Lancashire Chap (155), Plain View (145), Radium Star (160) and Zero (161).

## ADAMSON CUP GOLF RESULT

Low scoring featured the December qualifying round of the Adamson Cup Competition at Happy Valley during the week-end, when S. T. Butlin returned a card of 76-12 (64) to qualify. Other scores were G. W. Reeve 80-13 (67) and J. W. MacDonald 76-7 (69).

The Bogey (Par) Pool at Fanling was won by G. T. Harrington (2) who ended four up. The first round matches in the G. M. Young Inter-Hong Cup resulted as follows:

Gibb Livingstone received a bye; Butterfield and Swire beat Dodwell and Co.; Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation beat Standard-Vacuum Oil Co.; Chartered Bank beat Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd.

## EMPIRE BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Taking what may seem an extremely long view, the National Sporting Club, looking to the future of boxing intends to hold a tournament for the British Empire boxing championships at the end of the war.

John Harding, the N.S.C. manager, stated recently that competitions would be held of all weights adding, "a similar tournament was held at the end of the last war."

## SUCCESSFUL INSIDE-FORWARD PLAY

# ON HOW TO PLAY SOCCER

By "Referee"

INSIDE-FORWARDS are the big shots of the attack, finishing the work of wing players and the half-backs with goals. Successful inside play is one of manoeuvre, subtle combination, and accurate shooting. A trio of inside players possessing these gifts, and the ability to use them individually and in collaboration with each other, and who also possess a fine turn of speed and physical courage, would be almost invincible in attack.

While it is the inside forward's play to force the main attack and do most of the goal shooting, it must be remembered that he has an obligation also to the defence should it need his help. As a fourth half-back he performs great service during moments of pressure when the defence is being harassed. A successful inside-forward should be able to execute these two functions with equal ability.

It may be said that more natural football craft is required of an inside-forward than from any of the other positions in the team. The inside-forward need not be a big fellow physically, his chief needs are speed, grace, an exceptionally agile body, courage and deftness in the execution of ball work. The inside men have to do all the really clever things with the ball: neat passing, dribbling into position, and with a series of sustained, brainy movements work the ball into shooting position for himself, or one of his colleagues to shoot at goal.

A clever inside-forward's play preserves an illusion of his movements, while his fellows are getting into a better position to score. He draws the defence, either to himself, or to his immediate supporters, and at the right moment does not pass to one of them, as the defence anticipates, out right across to the alert winger, who, with the defence off guard, runs straight for goal. Or maybe, he draws the defence to him and with a deft backward pass allows his shadowing half-back to shoot for goal. Two factors animate this movement: by passing back to the half-back he puts the defence in a quandary, and he also gives this player a chance to take a long, oft-times, drop shot which might, even if punched out by the goal-keeper at first attempt, be likely to cause a scrimmage in the goal mouth and result in a snatched goal.

### Adept Passing Essential

The successful inside-forward must be an adept at passing the ball: not an easy matter in first-class football, for the defence is very wide-awake in anticipating moves. The pass should be timed, and, if possible, along the ground to within a yard of the waiting player; if to a wing player then far enough ahead of him for the ball to be taken along his stride with the reasonable chance of his outpacing the back or half-back, and getting an opportunity to centre the ball for one of the inside trio to shoot at goal.

The inside-forward should be able to judge accurately where his pass is going, and also when to pass to either wing. It is generally anticipated by the opposing defence that the inside player should pass to his immediate outside wing; but on occasions this is not profitable, for the opposing wing-half-back is already watching the move and waiting to break it up.

With the defence thus concentrated on your action, it is well to pass the ball right across to the opposite wing, and thus create a surprise movement with inevitable results. Either the defence rushes towards the other wing, or it gets back into line to crowd the goal. In the latter event the wing player with the ball will swing it back across the field to the opposite wing and thus get the defence into a worse tangle. This movement executed rightly often ends in a goal coming eventually from one of the half-backs standing in scoring position behind the crowded defence.

A first-class inside-forward should be a dead shot with either foot, and able to shoot from any angle. His shots, too, should possess force and be along the ground mostly, or rising towards the goal, and ending of the goal from the keeper.

He must never forget that, however brilliant a player he is in mid-field, it is goals that give a team points, and position in the League. Inside-forwards are at times apt to overdo the fancy

work of dribbling and short passing, but unless this work leads to goals, cut it out. There is just as much clever play in the open game, hard fought, and with plenty of intrigue and clever scheming to outwit the defence.

### Ball Control Hall Mark Of Artist

In modern football ball-control is the hall-mark of the artist. It is also a vital essential to the inside-forward, who is relied upon by the rest of the team to get goals. Ball-control requires self-control, and over-excitement in front of goal when about to shoot is not only fatal, but it spoils the combination work of the other players who have helped lead up to the chance of scoring. Often good movements are utterly spoilt by an inside player being over-anxious to score. Had he kept his normal mental balance, steadied himself, and directed his shot, a goal might have been the result. An inside player who becomes flustered in front of goal will never weld into a successful attack.

The inside-forward is always tempted to work individually, especially if he possesses ability above the average for dribbling and forceful play. This is well if he sees an opening, where, in a flash of judgment, coming usually from long experience and practice, he knows will pay the whole team. But individual work in a successful forward line is rarely ever seen to-day. Combination is the art of forward play. The individual has little chance nowadays with the defences made up of the finest and speediest players. It is preferable to rely upon team play and subtle combination than upon an individual effort with only a small chance of success.

Lastly, an inside-forward has to be constantly aware of his responsibility to the team. Upon him, more than upon the other players, because goals only count in winning matches, rests ultimate victory. Therefore, in spite of the buffetings he must inevitably take from the defence of his opponents, he has to be persistent always in attack, and for the whole game have his eyes on the goal, and his head planning numerous moves enabling himself, or his immediate colleagues, to head for goal... and score!

This is the third of a series of four articles, the last of which will be published when space permits.

## ARTILLERY POLO CUP

Four teams will compete for the Royal Artillery Polo Cup, the first round of which will be played at Boundary Street to-morrow at 4.30 p.m.

Islanders will be represented by Major Hunt, Col. Way, Lieut. Lewis and J. K. Bousfield who will meet Middlesex composed of Capt. T. W. Chaffey, Capt. W. H. Chaffey, Lieut. Hancock and Lieut. Fishbourne.

The other teams are the Topkhamas, (Capt. Munro, Major Trevor, Major Duncan and Lieut. Feilden), and the Stoooges, (Major Penfold, Capt. Atkinson, Major Fisher and Lieut. B. R. Smith).

The first Annual gymnastic and drill display by members of the Hong Kong University Union will be given at the Ho Tung Gymnasium on Saturday at 4 p.m.

## CHINESE "Y" WIN EASILY

Playing at home, Chinese Y.M.C.A. lost to University in the A Division of the Badminton League last night by 7-2.

C. Au and F. Koh (Y.M.C.A.): lost to K. H. Choy and C. K. Lee 7-21

lost to P. H. Hon and H. F. Chew 19-21

beat P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim 21-9

P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Y.M.C.A.):

lost to Choy and Lee 9-21

beat Hon and Chew 21-13

lost to Bun and Lim 18-21

H. Koh and T. C. Lau (Y.M.C.A.):

lost to Choy and Lee 12-21

lost to Hon and Chew 16-21

lost to Bun and Lim 16-21

## TO-MORROW'S HOCKEY MATCH

The postponed match between Royal Corps of Signals and the Destroyers in the Hockey Association Tournament will be played off to-morrow at the Navy Ground, King's Park, bully-off, at 2.30 o'clock.

The following team will represent Signals:—L/Cpl. Truscott, Sign. Harrington, L/Cpl. Holland; L/Cpl. Rumford, Cpl. Germain, Col. Blount; L/Cpl. Dieran, Sign. Price, Cpl. Husband, Cpl. Spare and Sign. Cogbill.

Serjt. Major Mead won the Aggregate Prize at Royal Scots' annual 'riffle meet at the Kowloon City Range last week. In the Inter-Company competitions, H.Q. Coy. carried off the majority.

## YACHTING RESULTS

The Ladies Sweepstake race held by the Yacht Club over 7.4 miles yesterday resulted:

Gull 4.53.31 1

(Miss B. M. Richards) 4.57.41 2

Redshank 4.59.07 3

(Miss P. Pritchard) 4.59.07 4

Madreen 4.05.52 5

(Miss De Chaffoy) 4.06.37 6

Typronechal (Mrs. W. Whittaker) 4.06.37 7

Artemis (Mrs. H. Potter) 4.06.37 8

CRUISER CHAMPIONSHIP

The third cruiser championship over 26 miles on Sunday.

Division I

Morena 6.38.28 6.38.28 1

(P. M. Sedgwick) 7.19.31 7.40.52 2

Yehonala (G. W. Behrman) 7.44.41 7.44.41 3

La Cigale I (N. V. A. Croucher) 7.44.41 7.44.41 4

Did not finish—Dannat, Azuma.

Division II

Did not finish—Cormorant, Eylene, Sealark, Wah Kong, U. and I.

Four Tonners

Did not finish—Typhoon, Cutty, Sai Long, Tern, Curlew.

## SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following is Sunday's Tournament Hockey programme:

Gunboats v A. N. O'her "X"

5th A.A. "B" v Police "A"

University v C.B.A.

Engineers v Recrejo

Kumaons v Destroyers

Signa's v Police "B"

Khalsa v 2nd M.T.B.'s

of the prizes. At the conclusion of the meet on Friday, Lt. Col. J. D. MacDonal, M.C., Officer Commanding, distributed the awards.



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# CASH INSTEAD OF LOANS

## Mrs. Roosevelt Makes Recommendation To U.S.

### BRITAIN REQUESTS FINANCIAL AID

Britain has formally requested financial assistance from the United States, it was learned from a high official source, who refused to be quoted, in Washington yesterday.

The amount and exact nature of the request would not be disclosed but it is hinted it could not be defined as an application for a "loan."—Reuter.

### COAL GAS 'PLANE EXPERIMENT

The Italian air force is experimenting with coal gas as driving power for aeroplanes.

The Stefani agency said yesterday that the experiments are being carried out at an aerodrome near Milan.

A Breda 'plane, fitted with an 85 horse-power motor, was adapted for the use of coal gas, and the agency states that it took off easily and rose to a height of 150 feet.—Reuter.

## Britain Having To Pay For U.S. "Aid"

OUTRIGHT CASH GIFTS TO BRITAIN RATHER THAN LOANS WERE ADVOCATED BY MRS. ROOSEVELT, WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

Asked where such a gift would come from, she replied "From the Government," adding: "Ultimately they would come from the pockets of you and me."

## PEARL RIVER LATEST

THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES AT CANTON HAVE CONSIDERABLY MODIFIED THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON PASSENGERS TRAVELLING FROM HONG KONG TO CANTON, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED THIS MORNING.

The number of passengers allowed has been increased from 100 to 300 and the quarantine period in Canton reduced from four days to 24 hours.

The U.S.K. motor-vessel "Siragan Maru" arrives in Hong Kong to-day and will sail for Canton to-morrow, with accommodation for special, first and second class passengers only.

The s.s. Fatshan, has not yet resumed service and this morning it was learned that no schedule had yet been fixed by Butterfield and Swire, the agents.

Mrs. Roosevelt continued: "A certain number of people are under the impression that we are giving aid to England but we must face the reality. We are being paid."

"Gifts would be less likely to involve the United States in war than loans."

"Sending supplies to Britain has been helpful to the United States in that it has helped to stimulate industry in the interests of United States national defence."

"We do not see there must be reason to talk about loans. We should not make the mistakes we made last time."

Mrs. Roosevelt nodded when she was asked if she meant that these loans were not repaid.—Reuter.

## U.S. TO SELL 24 SHIPS

The United States Maritime Commission announced yesterday that 24 laid up merchant ships will be offered for sale on January 7.

It is expected a bid will be made by the British Purchasing Commission.

The ships to be sold range from some just under 8,000 tons to the 23,000-ton George Washington, which was formerly a German vessel.

Terms of sale provide for transfer of the ships to foreign flags provided this is done within six months.—Reuter.

## FRICION BETWEEN SISTERS

Convicted of damaging a window, Tai Yiu-king, 50, married woman, was bound over by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

Accused was alleged to have thrown stones at a show case, which belonged to her younger sister.

The police said the sisters had had quarrels in Canton. Accused was alleged to have broken the windows of her sister's shop several times.

## YOUTH CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Pleading guilty to a charge of attempting to break into a joss-stick shop in Pine Street, Tong Yat-yau, 18, was placed on a \$10 bond for one year and ordered to be expelled from the Colony by Mr. E. Hilmsworth at Kowloon this morning.

Det.-Sgt. W. G. Morrison said a Chinese constable saw accused and two others attempting to break the window. He arrested accused but the two accomplices escaped.



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